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Saturday and Sunday, Lyman Gate will be closed for repairs. Traveling via Kunia Road, motorists must enter Schofield Barracks through Foote Gate.

#### Cell phone ban

New policy prohibits operating a cell phone while also physically driving a motor vehicle on U.S. Army, Hawaii, installations. The policy applies to remote cell phone devices too, for example, using headphones or earphones to talk on cell phones while driving.

Violations of the new policy can result in punishment for any violator, whether militarv or civilian



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Oahu veterans and service members join in honoring veterans in National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. A-9

### Good Neighbor Joe Contest

Entries are still wanted to give Good Neighbor Joe a catchy slogan. Submit suggestions to Edward.Aber song@schofield.army.mil by Nov. 30. The best slogan will garner dinner for four.

Get more details at www.25idl.army.mil, Hawaii Army Weekly tab. Archives. Search for "Good Neighbor Joe Contest."



since last fatal accident

A division training holiday will be awarded for the first 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities. A four day holiday/long weekend will be awarded for 200 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities.



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# Local snipers bring home prize

Spc. David House . 17th Public Affairs Detachment

SCHOFIELD BAR-RACKS — The U.S. Army Sniper School at Fort Benning recently held the fifth annual International Sniper Competition, Oct. 28-Nov. 4.

The team of spotter Sgt. Nicholas Howard and shooter Spc. Sean Clark, both from 1st Infantry, 21stInfantry Regiment, demonstrated their ability in events such as urban shooting, sniper stalk and other tests that stressed their marksmanship abilities during simulated combat Clark





This year's competition had the largest participant turnout so far, said Staff Sgt. Larry Davis, assistant competition coordiand nator instructor at Army Sniper School.

Our events are from scenarios based on combat in Afghanistan and Iraq and different situations," Davis said. "Outside of combat, this is really the only way to test your skill level.'

One of the newest events added this year was shooting from a hovering Black Hawk helicopter.

"I've never fired from a helicopter before, and I don't think many people here have fired from a helicopter," Howard said. "When do you get a chance to do that?"

At the conclusion of the weeklong competition, the team of Howard and Clark were awarded second place out of 31 teams from the U.S. and six other countries.

Sniper teams vie in 5th annual international contest

> Bridgett Siter Bayonet Staff Writer

FORT BENNING, Ga. -Call it a snipe hunt. Today's sniper is the hunter and the

In Iraq, Afghanistan or anywhere coalition forces are fighting the war on terrorism, the enemy is often hiding in plain sight. He looks just like his neighbors.

It takes a skilled sniper to spot, and yes, kill, an insurgent waiting for the opportunity to kill him first. Snipers from six countries put their skills to the test this week during Fort Benning's fifth annual International Sniper Competition. Thirtyone two-man teams took to the sky, the rooftops and the hills to ferret out the enemy before the enemy found them. It's called counter sniping, and it's the focus of sniper training around the world today for good reason.

"This is the best ... as far as training goes ... we've ever done," said Sgt. James Brown, who came from Fort Lewis, Wash., to compete

See "Sniper," page A-3

### **HEAVY LIFT**



Battalion help load a scraper in an operation with the 84th Engineer Combat Battalion to upload the vessel in three days. The sailors flew from Washington and South Carolina to be a part of the operation and help engineers load up before they head out to Iraq.

### Survey looks at schools

Kristina Noriega Artis School Liaison Coordinator

Army Hawaii families can be a major component in determining the direction of school transitioning services.

If you have recently transitioned your family to Hawaii, Morale, Welfare and Recreation would like your feedback. By taking a few minutes of your time and going on the Web, every individual can have a chance to share his or her thoughts and ideas regarding school transitional concerns.

All surveys received will have an impact on future services and programs. Further, every military family can address its needs through this quick survey that influences the future.

Simply take some time to log on and fill out the survey. Your time and effort will be greatly appreciated, but more importantly, your opinion and comments will have a bearing on services provided for transitioning families.

To access the transition survey, log onto http:// www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/sc hoolsurvey(2005).htm.

### Officials warn to beware of ACU knockoffs

Uniforms need "friend or foe" tag and other necessary items

Annette M. Fournier

WASHINGTON — Army officials are warning Soldiers against buying imitation Army Combat Uniforms in lieu of waiting for Army-approved ACUs to arrive in stores.

AAFES military clothing sales stores are scheduled to get ACUs in April, but a spokesman said they may appear sooner.

"The Army has advised AAFES to expect to start seeing ACUs in January," said Judd Anstey, media branch manager with AAFES. "Details are

still being worked out at this time." Some Soldiers, anxious to get the new uniforms, have bought imitation ACUs from unauthorized vendors. Authorized uniforms made to Army specifications are produced only by government-contracted companies and will be sold through Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores, officials said.

Unauthorized uniforms typically do not meet the Army's specifications in various ways such as appearance, usability and durability, said Bob Panichelle, product executive in the Field Clothing Branch of Defense Supply Center Philadelphia's Clothing and Textiles Supply Chain, the organization contracting for ACU production.

"It's extremely important for Soldiers to wait until the ACU is available in the Army military clothing sales stores before purchasing a uniform," said Sgt. Maj. Katrina L. Easley, the Army's uniform policy sergeant major in the G1. "This prevents the Soldier from purchasing a uniform that has not been manufactured in accordance with the uniform quality control program."

Soldiers purchasing uniforms,

See "ACUs," page A-4

### eArmyU now available for most Soldiers in regular Army

officer.

Miles T. Sakaguchi Education Services Specialist

In Hawaii, nearly 1.500 Soldiers are participating in the eArmyU program under the laptop and ecourse options.

A number of Soldiers have been in the program since its inception in

Many have completed bachelor's and sometimes master's degree requirements, starting with an associate's degree program.

Last year, 40 Hawaii Soldiers signed up for the eArmyU laptop option. Eligibility was limited to

grades E-4 through E-6 with than 10 years of service. Initially, only Regular Army Soldiers signing up for combat division and operational forces assignments could take the eArmyU laptop option. This last stipulation was dropped later in the

This year, just about all Regular Army Soldiers can re-enlist or extend for the eArmyU laptop option.

Signing up for an eArmyU guest account can be easily completed through the portal at http://www. earmyu.com. Plus, Soldiers can

search for schools and degree programs offered under the eArmyU umbrella.

The only new requirement for all prospective distance learning students is to take the online assessment (called PReP).

This assessment is supposed to demonstrate readiness to take on college-level distance learning programs online.

Eligible Soldiers interested in the laptop option should see and obtain a written referral memorandum from their Army career counselor/retention noncommissioned **RELATED STORY** 

. "Did you know" eArmyU gives answers to frequently asked questions. A-4

This referral is a must in order for the Army Education Center to begin preparation of the participation agreement packet and the approval process.

For further information assistance, call the Schofield Barracks Army Education Center (655-8312) or the Tripler/Fort Education Shafter Complex (433-4182).

Army News Service

#### We want to hear from you...

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes articles from Army organizations, announcements from the general public about community events of interest to the military community, and letters and commentaries.

If you have newsworthy ideas or stories you'd like to write, coordinate with the managing editor at 655-4816, or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweek ly.com.

The editorial deadline for articles and announcements is the Friday prior to Friday publications. Prior coordination is mandatory.

Articles must be text or Word files with complete information, ing photographs must be digital, high resolution, jpeg files with captions and bylines.

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### Just how much do you have to be thankful for?

Chaplain (Capt.) Michael W. Patterson 732nd Military Intelligence Battalion Chaplain

T-Day. What is it to you? Is it just another training holiday? Is it Turkey Day? Or is it Thanksgiving Day?

We hear all three of these titles provided to that last Thursday in November. In school, our children make turkeys from their cut-out handprints; they color the Horn-of-Plenty in purples, oranges, pinks and blues...any color but the yellows and browns they are supposed to be, but you know, as moms and dads, we wouldn't have it any other way.

For some, this weekend is the start of shopping! Friday, oh, that glorious Friday when the price of just about everything is slashed to the bare minimum. Stores are packed, Christmas trees are decorated, Santa arrives at the mall, and not a parking place will be found. What joy! Thanksgiving is over!

Is that how we really feel? I would say, by and large, no. I would say a vast part of America and an even larger segment of our Army welcomes this last weekend in November with true thanksgiving. Thanksgiving has had and continues

to have many different traditions for our families. Growing up in the south, if we didn't have sweet potato casserole with pecans, or if we didn't have that "canned" cranberry sauce with the ridges, it was as if we went from Wednesday to Friday...where was Thanksgiving?

Family and community has always been a central theme of Thanksgiving for most of us. The "kids" come home for the weekend, we get to visit mom and dad, we watch the Macy's Day Parade and its huge floating balloons. Dads, sons and brothers sit down (probably lie around) in the living room and watch the Detroit Lions play as their food

So many traditions. So many good traditions. For many of our families,

today's Thanksgiving is very similar to the way the first was almost four centuries ago in 1621. Then Thanksgiving was not just one day. It was a three-day feast. It was a time for the settlers of this new country

to reflect on the past year and give thanks to God for the provisions He blessed them with.

Some of those blessings were food, shelter, protection and new friends, among them the Wampanoag Indians. The year had been difficult and, at times, brutal. But since landing on Plymouth Rock, true freedom was finally

They could live in the community they wanted. They could work their own land, and they could worship their God, in their way, without fear of persecution, persecution unto death. Much was available to be thankful for.

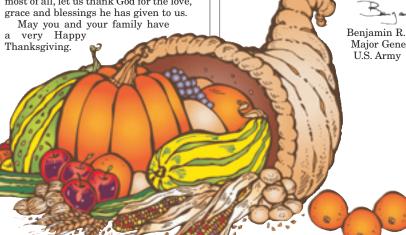
But as Americans, we sometimes take these things for granted. We go about our daily lives seldom stopping to remember the sacrifice of so many who have made this season possible.

Let us remember, much is available for us to be thankful to God for. He has blessed our families and our country

Our response to the blessings of God are first to recognize where those blessing originated — they come from God. Second, we should slow down and take account of our families, our work, our position in life ... and thank God.

Make this time of year a true time of Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for.

Let us thank our family for their support, our friends for their steadfastness. our co-workers for their diligence, but most of all, let us thank God for the love, grace and blessings he has given to us.



### Lightning Six sends...

Thanksgiving is one of America's oldest traditions, and our first event of the holiday season.

It originated in 1676 when the first governing body of the American colonies appointed June 29 as a day of thanksgiv-

The tradition grew, and in 1789 President George Washington proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November as a national holiday of public



Today, we are able to continue this 329-year tradition through the personal sacrifices and selfless service of America's military.

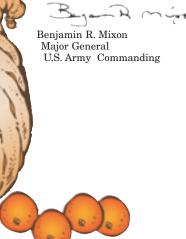
The exemplary service to our country of every Soldier, civilian and family member continues to assure America's freedom. The dedicated service you provide your country is truly respected and appreciated by all Americans and peaceloving people around the world.

The extended holiday period offers an excellent opportunity to gather with family and friends for traditional Thanksgiving celebrations.

For those who must travel during this holiday, pause a moment and focus on safe vehicle operation. Celebrate this holiday while putting safety and the well-being of you and your family as your first priority.

I personally extend my gratitude and appreciation for all you do and wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday, filled with many blessings.

Happy Holidays!



### Retirement Services reflects upon 50-year anniversary

Laura Paul Army News Service

WASHINGTON -

Monday marked the 50th anniversary of a program that was designed to keep retiring Soldiers close to the Army for the rest of their life.

The Army Retirement Service Office has been helping Soldiers and families transition into retirement and is continuing to support them in

Of course, the Army has been retiring Soldiers for more than 50 years. The anniversary commemorates the creation of a separate office and program at Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Why did the program begin?

was growing. Army retirees alone had increased almost sevenfold from about 15,000

before World War II, to almost

In 1955, the retired population

stood up as part of the Personal Affairs Section, Personnel Services Branch, in the Office of the Adjutant General. The Army's commitment to its

100,000 after Korea. In September of

that year, the assistant secretary of

Defense for Manpower and Person-

nel recommended that all services

look into establishing a Retired

of staff directed establishment of a

Retired Activities Branch. On Nov.

14, the Retired Activities Unit was

That same month, the Army chief

Activities Branch.

retirees was made clear in the circular announcing the new unit, "To further the maintenance of a strong bond between the active Army and its retired members; commanders at all levels are enjoined to encourage a more personal relationship in all dealings with retired personnel."

In the early days of the program,

**ON THE WEB** 

For more on retirement services see. www.armyg1.army.mil/retire.

about 22 staff members served all retirees, answering letters and phone calls and even receiving visits to the one office in Washington, D.C. Even then, similar offices were being started in the different parts of the Army throughout the world.

Today, the HQDA Army Retirement Services office is staffed by only six people, but the network of those serving retiring and retired Soldiers, families and survivspouses has grown. Now, Soldiers retiring and spouses. and more than 900,000 retired Soldiers and surviving spouses, are served by 110 installation retirement services officers worldwide. One force multiplier is retirees

themselves who live up to the motto "Still Serving." Often that service comes through participation in the installation retiree council. These councils, made up of appointed retiree volunteers, bring retiree concerns to the attention of the installation and, if warranted, to the Army Chief of Staff's Retiree

Council.
The CSA Retiree Council, begun in 1972, is a group of 14 retired Soldiers, appointed by the CSA. They meet annually at the Pentagon to review issues surfaced by installation retiree councils. After briefings and consultations, the council decides which issues merit the attention of Army leadership. The council's annual report is posted on the Web

(Editor's Note: Laura Paul is with Army Retirement Services.)

### Voices of Lightning: What are the top three things you are thankful for?



..My health, wife and family.'

Sqt. Jason Frantz HHC, 1-27th Inf. Rgt. Supply NCO



Spc. Angelita Medina HHC, 2-25th Aviation Supply Clerk



"I'm thankful for my life, good health and being around good people."

Sqt. Markice Lewis Troop D, 5-14th Cav. Chemical Operations NCO



and to live in Hawaii.

Spc. Mikaela Humphrey Co. B, 3rd Bde. STB Supply Clerk



paycheck."

Spc. Galen Harris 125th Signal Company Asst.Transmission Specialist

### Sniper ----

with his teammate Sgt. Colin Handy.

The two spent a year in Iraq, and they said this week's competition was "combat relevant" because the scenarios, or tasks, mirrored those they faced during their deployment with 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment.

"As far as being realistic, yeah, this is it," Brown said.

The competition is relevant by design, said Staff Sgt. Larry Davis, and he should know. Davis participated in the first two competitions here. He's helped plan and execute the last three.

"We're not here to test their schoolhouse skills," he said. "We're here to see how they perform in a combat situation under a lot of stress. We throw a scenario at them, and let them figure out the best way to handle it by themselves, just like they'd have to do in

The majority of the school's 25 cadre Soldiers in Company C, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment are combat veterans, and they had a say in designing the competition since planning started in the spring.

The competitors completed one or two events each day, nine in all, based on lessons learned by the cadre in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sniper teams from Israel, Ireland, Great Britain, Canada and the U.S. (Marines, airmen and Soldiers) took turns at the urban stress shoot event on Buchanan Range, Oct. 31.

With the cacophony of gunfire, air assaults and mournful "mosque music" blaring from loudspeakers enhancer," Davis called it — the snipers were tasked to search a building, top to bottom, and root out hostiles in the area.

Targets dotted the landscape, but it was hard to tell, at first glance, which targets carried guns. That's where the spotter came in. In each team, the spotter (typically the more experienced of the two) used a scope to identify the target and a scientific calculator to gauge distance and trajectory.

A slight miscalculation could result in the death of a bystander and the loss of a few precious points. Based on skill and speed, points were tabulated at the end of each event to determine winners.

School officials had toyed with the idea of canceling the competition, but the war itself made evident the need for sniper training.

"Now, everybody's trying to improve their snipers," Davis said. "Outside of combat, this is really the only way to test your skill level."

The first place team will go home with a nice package, including guns and scopes, after an awards ceremony tonight.

The prize package is nice, said Tech. Sgt. Todd Reed, but it's not the competition's greatest draw. You can't put a price tag on the skills one learns in competition.

"This is the best competition I've been to." said Reed, who competed with his twin brother Tim. "They knock it dead here. It's fun. But it's not all about the fun. Everybody who competes will leave here a better Soldier, because we share information that will save lives in combat.'

That's the dichotomy of the event, said Capt. Ray Dillman, the commander of C Company. It's a "gentleman's game" in that the participants traditionally share the kind of insider information that levels the field.

"And that's really the goal. At the end of the day, we want an exchange of ideas," Dillman said. "We're all friendly forces, and we have the same goal."

That goal, Davis said, is to win the war on terrorism. The competition has evolved into a world-class event because of the war and not in spite of it. Three years ago, attendance was down as armies around the world focused on the war at hand.

# 84th Engineers head out to Iraq

Story and Photos by Spc. Juan Jimenez Staff Writer

FORD ISLAND— Nov. 10, the Tayrona Princess, a 450-foot cargo ship from the Philippines arrived here to upload about 190 pieces of heavy equipment that belong to the 84th Engineers Battalion, which will deploy for the second time to help out in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

More than 100 Soldiers from the 84th Eng. worked long hours in coordination with sailors from the 4th and 5th Navy Cargo Handling Battalion, civilians with the Patriot Ship Holding Group, and the Director of Logistics to complete the long and strenuous task of loading the ship.

"The process of loading the ship starts in the Alert Holding Area[AHA]," said Capt. Jose Bercedoni, officer in charge.

"Everything has to weighed, documented and inspected for deployment before reaching the boat," said Bercedoni. "The AHA also helps us identify any problems with our equipment, so everything will run smoothly when we start to conduct missions in Iraq," he con-

Once all equipment and containers arrived at Ford Island, their data was verified, and they were placed into staging areas where they would await onload-

"Once every piece of equipment has been checked by me and verified that it's good to go



Left —Pvt. Chris Adams with 40th QM, ground quides a bulldozer.

Bottom —A Soldier from the 84th Eng. Bn. helps guide a scraper to the loading dock so it can be lifted into the Tayrona Princess at Ford Island,



on the ship, the Navy and civilian workers come into a huge uploaded operation that only they know how to conduct," said Bercedoni.

"We support all joint operations, from Army, Marines and Navy deployments," said BM1 Anthony Moss, ship supervisor. "Anything that needs to be put on, and strapped down in the ship, we do it.

Soldiers from the 84th and 40th Quartermaster were the Army elements for the ship's uploading Nov. 10-12.

The operation is time limited. so Soldiers have to put in long hours so the ship and the mission

"Our biggest asset has been the great teamwork from all the Soldiers, sailors and civilians," said Bercedoni. "They have dedicated a lot of hours working out here making sure everything is in order and that the vessel is ready to ship.'

The Tayrona Princess shipped

### Family readiness group prep families of 84th Engineers

Tina Marshall Family Readiness Group Leader, Company B, 8th Engineers

Before deploying to Iraq the evening of Nov. 8, Company B, 84th Engineers held their last family readiness group meeting. Every Soldier and family received a deployment packet at

the meeting.

The packet consists of the Bravo Company FRG points of contact and phone numbers for rear detachments; Army Community Service, military police and military information; and an orange pre-deployment book, a Deployment Days Calendar for families, and a Deployment and Reunion Guide for Chil-

After many gave thanks, Chaplain (Capt.) Kelly Porter said a prayer. Everyone then indulged in a Thanksgivingstyle potluck dinner, and afterwards, keiki enjoyed arts and crafts activities such as creating placemats with the company's craft master, Holly Diamond.

Guest speakers Richard Borrego and Carol McKim, from the Soldier Family Life Consultant Program, talked to the unit about how it can help families during this stressful time. As FRGexplained the contents of the deployment packets.

addresses such topics as "How to renew your state registration to your vehi-cle while your Soldier is gone?" and "Know when your ID card expires so

your sponsor can have the forms signed before they leave?" Also, financial documents and family child care are discussed for a typical two-parent family. Though one spouse is remaining with the children, speakers explained parents must have a fall back plan in case something happens to either parent.

Some family members asked questions about mailing packages to Iraq. FRG representa-

leaders A spouse checklist

> tives let Soldiers and families know not to ever use rank or security numbers on packaging or name identification on return addresses. They said outsiders then learn that a spouse is alone.

During open discussion, most queried what life would be like for their spouses in Iraq. Some spouses shared photos from the unit's previous deployment, and the photos gave a visual understanding of what a typical Soldier's room looks like ... as well as showed lots and lots of sand!

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Other questions posed were Does Red Cross speak Spanish?" and "Will I be able to call and e-mail my Soldier?

Answers to both were yes.

"If we are dual military will our R&R [rest and recuperation] be at the same time?" and "Will the Blue Star card be available to us?" were other questions, and their answers

### 3rd BSTB engineers hit safety mark

Story and Photo by 1st Lt. Mark Welch Company A, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS
— Alpha Company engineers in the newly formed 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion (3BSTB) are aimed and focused on both their goals and the Division's.

Instructing the 25th Infantry Demolition Certification is just another example of imperatives being met in the safety field under the direction of the 3BSTB commander, Lt. Col. Bryan P. Truesdell.

The program has been developed to certify noncommissioned and commissioned officers to become range safety officers (RSO) and officers in charge (OIC) of demolition ranges. This critical requirement is due to safety factors that are involved with working and detonating explosives used during combat.

Classes teach students demolition systems in order to safely and effectively supervise the employment of explosive charges. During periods of instruction, each student is provided in-depth instructions on demolition systems includ-



ing detonating cord, modernized demolition initiators, main charges, priming explosives, firing systems, initiating systems, range operations, safety, risk assessments, minimum safe distances, misfire procedures, demolition effect simulators, and transportation, storage, and handling of demolitions.

After the first day of instruction, a written examination is administered. If a student fails to score 90 percent — to answer 30 out of 33 questions, he is released back to his unit and may reapply to

attend a later class.

The second phase of training begins a hands-on portion, including training aids to replicate the live materials that students will be working with. Instructors show properly constructed demolition systems to ensure Soldiers can translate the classroom portion to a practical exercise

tion to a practical exercise.

As a check on their learning, students receive training on the common mistakes that could cost lives if they are not following regulations. Following this block of instruction, a performance evaluation on two

Staff Sgt. Louis Britton, an engineer with Co. A, 3rd Bde. STB, identifies an incorrect connection between the initiating and firing systems on the Live Demolition Range.

demolitions systems tests their recall of these mistakes. Students then receive three minutes to identify three deficiencies to continue on to Day 3 with live-range operations.

The final day is a complete walk-through of a live-range set up. Students learn how the range is safely operated and the tasks required to run a demolition supply point.

Recently, 37 of 40 students became demolition range certified. They represented various units including the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 66th Engineer Company, 196th Infantry Brigade, and several infantry battalions: 1-27th, 2-27th, 2-5th, 1-21st and 2-35th.

The Demolition Range Certification class is coordinated through the Division Engineer Office. Both 66th Engineer Company and Alpha Company of 3rd BSTB provide instructions for operating demolition ranges on Schofield Barracks.

### 'Did you know'

eArmyU gives answers to FAQs

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Why should commanders support Soldiers who want to participate in eArmyU?

eArmyU supports the current force by providing distance learning opportunities while advancing Army distance learning in support of a global, customer-focused education platform. The program educates Soldiers who are better prepared for the demanding battlefields of the future and for operations other than war.

eArmyU revolutionizes education through virtual learning via www.earmyu.com. It is committed to produce an agile, versatile and adaptive force. Also, eArmyU assists in eliminating barriers to postsecondary opportunities by providing academic access across the Army. The program offers Soldiers a selection of degree programs using 100 percent tuition assistance up to the Army cap and ceiling.

eArmyU leverages technology. It develops educated, technologically skilled Soldiers and provides an additional educational delivery option for all Soldiers.

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What are commander responsibilities in eArmyU?

 Decide to approve or disapprove Soldier participation in eArmyU based on personal knowledge of the Soldier's potential and contribution to the Army.

Commanders must accomplish the following:

- Review and sign the annual tuition assistance statement of understanding along with the Soldier participating in the program.
- State and verify any requests to waive tuition assistance reimbursement, whether for deployment, emergency leave, death of a family member or illness/hospitalization.

Why should lieutenant colonels and above be involved in Army tuition assistance reimbursement issues?

Army Regulation 621-5, the Army Continu-

army Regulation 521-3, the Army Continuing Education System, requires that lieutenant colonels and above be involved in verifying circumstances beyond the Soldier's control such as deployment, emergency leave, death of a family member and illness/hospitalization.

(Editor's Note: Compiled by Miles T. Sakaguchi, education services specialist.)



### Hard at work

Headquarters, Department of the Army announced that 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery is the best battalion for maintenance in the Army. The "Never Broken" unit received the Phoenix Trophy for successfully balancing maintenance, readiness and operational requirements in 2004 while deployed. The award is the highest recognition a unit can receive for maintenance, and the 3-7th FA proved that under any conditions Soldiers can still succeed.

### ACUs: Supplies become available in AAFES outlets in early 2006

uniform items or heraldic items from establishments other than the Army military clothing sales stores must ensure that the items are authorized for wear and conform to appropriate military specifications or are manufactured in accordance with the Uniform Quality Control Program or the heraldic quality control system, Easley said.

Soldiers should consult Army Regulation 670-1 for guidance.

### Soldiers to have two ACUs by 2007

Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) contracted 16 commercial sources, as well as Unicor Federal Prison Industries, the National Institute for the Blind ,and the National Institute for the Severely Handicapped to produce the ACUs, Panichelle said. A similar model for awarding

contracts, monitoring production and overseeing the disbursal of uniforms will be used in fielding the Air Force's new battle dress uniform, expected to begin fielding in the next two years, Panichelle said.

The final wear-out date for the battle dress uniforms and the desert combat uniforms is yet to be determined, said Easley. Active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers should have two sets of ACUs by May 1, 2007, according to AR 670-1.

By May 1, 2008, all Soldiers should have four pairs each, and by April 2010, ROTC students should have four sets.

### Knockoffs could threaten safety

To tell if an ACU is authorized, Soldiers should look for two tags sewn into the uniform.

One tag near the collar is printed with the size and the second tag located elsewhere on the uniform gives the government contract number identifying what company made the uniform, and care instructions, according to Program Executive Office Soldier's Web site.

Some uniforms being made offshore at present do not contain the Identification of Friend or Foe tag, a tag that allows Soldiers to identify friendly forces at night. Buying a uniform without the tag could put a Soldier in danger, Panichelle said.

Other uniforms may contain fabric that is not in compliance with Army specs for the ACU camouflage pattern, Panichelle added, and could jeopardize the safety or security of an individual

Soldier or an entire unit.

Like the Battle Dress Uniform or BDU, ACUs have an expected wear-life of six to 12 months, and are made of the same rip-stop fabric as the summer BDUs. For quality control, DSCP closely monitors production at its manufacturing facilities through periodic site visits and quality inspections by specialists assigned to these facilities, Panichelle said.

If Soldiers have problems with issued ACUs, they can return the uniforms for a monetary refund or a store credit. With imitation ACUs, no guarantees or refunds are available for defective uniforms.

## Hillclimbers go in search of an 'H' in Pakistan

Story and Photos by Spc. Mary Simms 25th ID & USARHAW Public Affairs Office

CHAKLALA, Pakistan — Imagine waking up every day not knowing what exactly you'll see or do ... or even where you'll be going.

What you do know is that you will undoubtedly rescue, comfort and bring relief from suffering for hundreds, maybe thousands of peo-

Before arriving in Pakistan, the "Hillclimbers" of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment, got a glimpse of what life would be like for them from someone who was on the ground in Pakistan and providing relief only two days after

"Everything that you do over there, you're either saving someone's life, feeding children or making someone warm; that's the mindset you have to have," said the Combined Joint Task Force 76, Task Force Griffin, Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin as he spoke to a group of Soldiers from Hawaii, Kansas and Texas while they were staging in Bagram, Afghanistan.

After being "on the ground" in Pakistan for just two weeks, Marin's words mirrored exactly what life was like for the pilots and crewmembers of the 25th Infantry Division "Hillclimbers" who were delivering relief supplies to victims of Pakistan's deadly Oct. 8 earth-

Hawaii's four twin-blade Chinooks were certainly not alone on the flight lines in Pakistan, Looking across Quasim Airbase, where the majority of U.S. personnel were headquartered in a hangar, and Chaklala flight line, where most of the relief flights originated, it was an overwhelming and welcoming sight to see helicopters from every corner of the world, in every shape

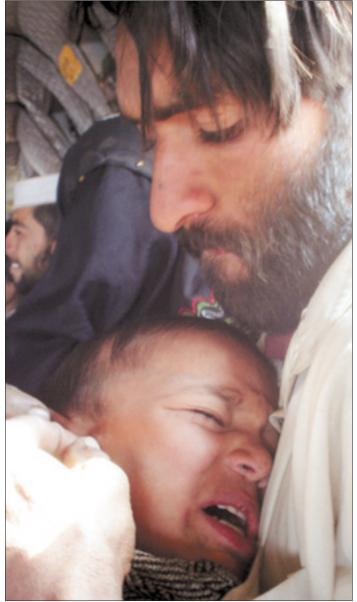
The teeming flight lines were a testament to the international community's response to the tragedy. Even neighboring country Afghanistan, with its limited resources, sent helicopters and pilots to aid in the relief efforts.

Maj. Richard Gordon, 25th ID operations officer, commented on the colorful and eclectic spread of choppers crowding the flight line and brimming onto the grassy areas.

"It's just amazing when you look around. I think that just about every type of helicopter in the world is here.'

The 60-person team of Hillclimbers has become a part of the larger "Task Force Quake," which is comprised of the Soldiers from U.S. Army units in Hawaii, Kansas and Texas, plus European Chinook counterparts from the British Army and the Royal Air Force hailing from Britton, Scotland and London.

"It's neat that they're here. It's been really cool to interact with so many different people from so



A father holds his son tight while the rest of the family sits on one of Hawaii's CH-47D Chinooks flying to Chaklala, Pakistan, where they will receive aid.

many different places, all here for the same mission," said Sgt. Takema Randolph as she stood up after finishing a Pakistani meal and conversing with fellow a 25th ID Soldier, three British Army NCOs and an officer from the Royal Air Force.

Not just pilot and crews are getting to fly the missions that deliver tens of thousands of pounds of relief aid daily. Soldiers like Randolph are getting a chance to go 'outside the wire" too.

'I haven't gone, yet, because I'm on the nightshift here, but I want to," said Randolph. "I've heard stories, and I really want to get a chance to meet some of the people we're affecting."

Acting first sergeant for the Hillclimbers, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Wyllie, wants to make sure all his Soldiers get a chance to experience every aspect of the mission.

"From the mechanics who work at night when the birds land — to

make sure they can fly the next day to the commo [communications] specialists who work all day at base camp, everyone plays a vital role here," he said. "I think people will get worn out if they stay at Quasim and don't get a chance to see the human side of the mission here."

True to his word, Wyllie made sure his Soldiers received opportunities to step outside their normal mission capacity. They got a direct, hands on role in the relief effort.

Sgt. Noel Rao lived in India until he was 26. He gained his American citizenship during his second deployment to this part of the world. Now on his third major deployment, Rao is proud to be a part of the mission.

"I volunteered for this mission because of what it means to me. Being from this part of the world, I'm going to be proud to be able to tell my children about what their father was a part of over here.'



A group of Pakistani soldiers load a Chinook with blankets, food, tents and other relief supplies before it takes off on a humanitarian assistance mission.

In the span of a 30- to 60-minute flight over Pakistan, cities look seemingly unaffected by the violent quake; conversely, in some areas, entire cities and towns are literally in ruins.

Pilots leave Chaklala flight line with a helicopter full of supplies and an approximate grid coordinate for their delivery destination from the Operations Center. Once in the air, pilots look for landings zones marked with a large, white letter "H." However, many of the landing zones marked with an "H" are not official and have been made by desperate people in desperate need of supplies.

Capt. Michael Sines, a pilot and the Hillclimbers company commander, has flown relief missions almost every day since he arrived in Pakistan.

"Being a pilot, up front, we don't really get a chance to be a part of everything that goes on when we land. It's the crewmembers who really get to get up close and personal with the people we're helping. It's still a great feeling you get at the end of the day, though, knowing what we're accomplishing over here," he said.

In addition to delivering relief supplies to remote villages and towns, the Hillclimbers' mission evolves daily as the situation on the ground improves. Now, in addition to evacuating casualties, a huge part of the mission has become to transport displaced persons to camps where they will be better equipped to survive the harsh winter weather as it approaches.

An amazing flurry of organized chaos takes place when the Hillclimbers come into view at each landing zone. For the most part, the American helicopters, which are marked by an American flag on either side, only land where there are Pakistani military soldiers

already on the ground.

The "Pak Mil," as they are affectionately called by U.S. Soldiers, are playing a huge role in maintaining civil and crowd control, so that approaching relief helicopters are

not mobbed. As the crews and Pak Mil unload more than 10,000 pounds of relief supplies in under 10 minutes, crowds of locals slowly emerge to watch with engrossed eyes. Tents, rice, sugar, blankets, and sometimes even baby food are unloaded.

Inevitably, when the Chinook is almost completely unloaded, a Pak Mil member will approach one of the crewmembers and try to communicate over the roar of the engine and wind, and through the communication barrier. Then, on the spot, the Chinooks transform from cargo-carrying aircraft with few passengers to passenger-full transport helicopters, taking a newfound homeless population to better conditions.

Sgt. Jesus Avery, Sgt. Noel Rao and Spc. Joshua Bergstrom, crewmembers on Hawaii's CH-47D Tail #300, worked to pass out yellow foam earplugs to 30-plus passengers, many with crying children belted on their laps.

Day after day, the scenario replayed.

Earthquake victims from rural areas of Pakistan, who had probably never ridden in a helicopter, watched with eyes affixed in disbelief when the aircraft lifted off. As they flew away from their home, with no certainty of how, if and when they would ever return, the displaced refugees pointed and stared at the devastation from their newly acquired aerial vantage point.

Rao helped a large family off a helicopter once it landed in Chaklala. Through pieces of his own first language, Tamil, he was able to communicate with members of the family.

One elderly gentleman with a long, bright orange beard gave praise through his broken English for Rao and his fellow crewmates.

"Thank you. Thank you. America, yes, thank you," he said excitedly as he shook Rao's hand and nodded his head in excitement before leading his family away to begin

### Three Army police officers nab 'Top Cop' honors

Capt. Christine Baker Deputy Provost Marshal

FORT SHAFTER — "You should see what he does in his free time," said Paula Akana of KITV-4 news about Sgt. Michael W. Eichmann, when Akana presided over this year's Annual Top Cop Appreciation Luncheon recently held at the Sheraton Waikiki.

Fort Shafter Military Police Battalion nominated three police officers to be recognized for their dedication to duty and accomplishments in the law enforcement arena.

Among the Top Cop's were 39th Military Police Officer Eichmann and Department of the Army Police Officers Sgt. Danny Carr and Sgt. Carlton Ingram.

Eichmann was awarded Top Cop honors for several different lifesaving incidents while on duty. He is credited with reviving and saving the life of the former 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army Hawaii, commander's wife, Vicki Olson, by administering CPR to her after identifying no pulse or breathing.

Eichmann also performed CPR on a heart attack victim at a dining facility here. Although the Soldier passed away, Eichmann was recognized for his meritorious act.

Further, he responded to shots fired at the front gate of the Aliamanu Military Reservation. An individual was bleeding severely. Eichmann instinctively used his uniform top as a pressure bandage to control the bleeding before treating the victim for shock

More still, Eichmann responded to a nonresponsive child on a school bus. Upon arrival, the 11-year-old boy was not breathing, so Eichmann immediately started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, saving the boy's life.

Finally, Eichmann was commended for his bravery in jumping into the moving vehicle of an unconscious vic-



Spc. Juan Torres

(From left to right) DA police officer Ingram, Military Police officer Michael Eichmann and DA police officer Danny Carr stand outside the Sheraton Waikiki with awards received at the 21st annual Law Enforcement/Security Appreciation luncheon.

tim, in order to stop the car and save yet another man's life.

Carr was recognized for his impeccable research and development skills, which resulted in the first U.S. Army Accredited Department of Army Police Academy. Carr's accreditation packet is now the standard for all future academies at Headquarters for DA Police Academies in Fort Leonardwood, Mo.

Ingram was honored for his initiatives in training on the Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST), which led to the processing of more than 48 person-

nel for driving under the influence at Schofield Barracks, with a 100 percent conviction rate.

In a short period of time, Ingram made a profound impact on the safety and security of Schofield Barracks.

Military families on Oahu can rest easier knowing the caliber of the law enforcement personnel safeguarding their installations. These police officers personify their battalion's motto, "Always Ready!"

Judging by their accomplishments, these police officers always are.



Bob McElroy

### Not just infantry

From 60-feet off the ground, Sgt. Kyle Flannigan (left) and Pfc. Stephen Wondercheck of Head-quarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, help Pohakuloa Training Area's Range Operations Section replace a broken antenna head, early November. The old antenna head had broken in half and no longer functioned.

### Popular motivational speaker to speak to Soldiers

Chaplain (Capt.) Andy Taylor 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, Chaplain

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Relevance is a popular word thrown about in the winds of the media today. We look for people and items of interest that ring true with our experiences in order to validate and instruct. Shared experiences, particularly for the combat Soldier, touch us at a level rarely understood by those outside of our circle.

Tuesday, officers, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers of Army Hawaii will have three opportunities to hear from a relevant voice. Dave Roever, decorated Vietnam veteran, will visit Schofield Barracks during his 27-day tour of military facilities in the Pacific.

In late 1968, Roever found himself in Vietnam for the first time, serving with the U.S. Navy as a member of the elite Brown Water Black Beret. He served in the Mekong Delta area until July 26, 1969, when he was severely wound-

A white phosphorus grenade exploded six inches from his face, leaving his body severely damaged, but not his spirit.



He was medically evacuated out of Vietnam and presumed fatally wounded. However, Roever recovered. Though visibly scarred, he returned to Vietnam in 1974 and 1975

Roever has literally spoken all over the world about his physical, mental and spiritual recovery from his tragic experience, and the 25th Infantry Division's unit ministry teams are delighted to host three separate events Tuesday when Soldiers can hear Roever's motivational message.

"Mr. Dave Roever continues to inspire troops at every location he visits," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ken Stice, 25th ID division chap-

"Unlike so many well-wishers, he can relate personally to the injured warriors he has visited at installations, downrange medical For more information concerning events, contact your unit chaplain or Chaplain (Capt.) Andy Taylor at 655-0986.

treatment facilities, and Walter Reed Army Medical Center," Stice continued.

"He [Roever] brings to our division and the Schofield Barracks community a fresh approach to enduring challenges and even tragedy. I know that all who participate in the planned programs will receive encouragement from his presentations," Stice emphasized.

The day kicks off with a Spiritual Fitness breakfast targeting senior leaders. The breakfast will be at the Nehelani at 6:30 a.m. Roever will address the importance of spiritual fitness in the life of the combat Soldier, relating how his personal faith proved indispensable to his recovery.

All Soldiers who were wounded in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom are invited to a luncheon, also at the Nehelani, at 11 a.m. "Wounded Warriors" and their families will be honored, and participants get the opportunity to interact with Roever.

"It has been my pleasure and privilege to be a part of the luncheon to honor the nation's finest," said Chaplain (Capt.) Chuck Popov, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, battalion chaplain and luncheon action officer.

"I appreciate the division chaplain's vision for such a ministry, and the support of our leaders for such a noble event."

Events will conclude at 1:30 p.m. in Sergeant Smith Theater where Roever will speak to more than 1,300 Soldiers. His presentation will be humorous, patriotic and motivational, and all participants will receive a special gift from Roever.

"In this day when we are facing deployments and many hearts are weighing the hard truth of separation and danger, Dave will provide that steady voice of hope that reminds us that even if the worst should hit us, we can still get up and move forward," Stice explained.

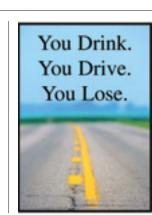
"His story humbles me to the core when I am reminded that, with the help of his wife, he came back from tragedy to now serve his fellow Americans and Soldiers."



### Movin' out ...

"Mavericks, Ahead of the Rest."
Earlier this month, 1st Battalion,
196th Infantry, and the U.S. Coast
Guard Air Station Barbers Point,
joined Soldiers from Support Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade, as
well as the coordinator from the
196th Infantry Brigade Defense
Support to Civilian Authority to
conduct a disaster response
training exercise at Barbers Point.

The scenario required Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen to load two forward military coordinating team vehicles, equipment and personnel at Barbers Point and fly them all to Kauai, Hawaii, and then to set up and establish communications with the Kauai Civil Defense coordinator and the 196th Infantry Brigade Defense Coordinating Element at Fort Shafter, while on the island of Kauai.



# What do we really know about e-mail and security?

Spc. Amanda Flemett Staff Writer

Unless you have been on a completely different planet for the last five to 10 years, and refuse to live in the modern world, everyone knows what electronic mail or e-mail is.

Most people keep an e-mail account for business and personal messages or to keep up with technology of changing times.

However, with all this e-mail traffic, the ability for others to gain access to our accounts can occur with a press of a key. So, how likely is it that someone can access your information? Unfortunately, it is very easy.

Most of us have seen the TV commercials depicting a person receiving a phone call and being asked for a bank account number or some other personal information. This technique is called social engineering.

It is just that easy to obtain personal information from e-mail. This method, called *phishing*, is accomplished through e-mail sent asking for feedback or a response.

When people surf the Internet, they are instantly in contact with anyone and everyone — even with people they may not wish to know. Surfing is equivalent to being in an airport terminal with millions of other people who come and go. But no one knows what dangers may be hidden with those people.

As Soldiers get ready to deploy, they should ask themselves, "How does this affect me?"

The answer is simple. With the technological advances in the last few years, and the recent wave of deployments, more and more Soldiers use the Internet to communicate with their family and friends.

What Soldiers do not realize is the chances they are taking when they log on.

Security was not as difficult before the

advent of the Internet. Security issues were tangible items that were easier to trace.

With the use of the Internet, anyone can look at the same information that is meant for only one person. In short, even though a deployed Soldier may be writing to his family, the enemy may also be reading the same e-mail.

It may surprise many to learn that enemies of the United States frequently use the Internet to gain access to Soldiers' thoughts, feelings, whereabouts, family members, and any other information they can use against the United States.

e United States. The Department of Defense has guidelines at this time for Internet use found in Army Regulations 25-1, 25-2 and Army Web policies. The bottom line is that government information cannot be shared with anyone,

according to regulation -

not even family or friends.

When a Soldier
puts an online journal known as a "blog"
on the Internet, he or
she is not just sharing those thoughts
and feelings with his
friends and family,
but also the enemy.

Further, including photos in these blogs can provide the enemy with personal and helpful information about a Sol-

dier's location and equipment.

Some may want to know if this "sharing" can happen through the use of an e-mail provider like HotMail or RoadRunner? The answer is, yes. Without appropriate Internet protection, anyone can have access to your personal and private correspondence.

So how can we actively combat this insurgency? Education. Educate yourself on what is acceptable e-mail material and what is not.

Items regarding government data are not safe to put on the Internet or e-mail. Still, the Internet shouldn't be something that Soldiers are afraid to use, but we need to be knowledgeable about what happens when we do use it.

For more information on e-mail security, service members can contact their unit S-2 security officer, who can then contact Patrice Smith of the G-2 Installation Security Office at 655-6197.

For the Internet Security Course log onto U.S. Army CBT Web Central at http://usarmy.smartforce.com, the online Web training course. Registration and password are required.

For the Internet Training Course log onto http://www.dtic.mil, the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC).

See the Department of Defense directive, Information Assurance, DoDD 8500.1, or Information Assurance, Army Regulation 25-2

See Army Information Management, Army Pamphlet 25-1-1, or AR 25-1 (updated).

### Loose blogs may blow up BCTs

### OPSEC rules take centerstage at DA

Gary Sheftick Army News Service

WASHINGTON — This is not your father's war, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker tells troops in a videotaped message emphasizing proper operations security procedures and responsible use of the Internet.

The video is part of the Army's comprehensive OPSEC Action Plan that has Mobile Training Teams visiting deploying units to teach how improper information and photographs posted on the Worldwide Web could endanger lives.

For instance, photos of combat operations and destroyed military equipment could provide the enemy with clues about U.S. vulnerabilities, said Maj. Michael Pate, the Army's OPSEC officer at the Pentagon.

#### It's not censorship

"This isn't censorship,"
Pate said about the OPSEC
plan he had a key role in
devising. "It's about striking
a balance between freedom of



Schoomaker

expression and protecting sensitive military information."

In World War II and Korea, it took a long time for

information to move from the battlefield to the public, Schoomaker says at the beginning of his video. Today with the Worldwide Web, it's immediate with the push of a button.

### CSA: Info-tech explosion global

"We have an informationtechnology explosion that is global," Schoomaker said. "Our adversaries have the ability to take our utterances, our writings and our pictures and do all kinds of things to harm us."

Web logs, or blogs, are a venue where instances of unauthorized photos and some sensitive information have been inadvertently disseminated, Pate said.

### MNC-I first with blog policy

So the Multi-National Corps-Iraq headquarters came up with a policy for the increasing number of Soldiers posting blogs in theater.

Some of the Soldiers found that posting a periodic blog to the Web was easier than sending multiple e-mails to friends and family. Others have found a modicum of fame for their descriptive coverage of life in the combat zone.

The MNC-I policy requires Soldiers to register their blogs through their unit chain of command. A list of blogs is maintained at the division level, complete with Web addresses and points of contact.

The policy also identifies established elements such as Army Web Risk Assessment Cells and Information-Assurance teams that assess Web sites and monitor information for compliance with Army policy.

Such information includes classified info, casualty information before next-of-kin notification, info prohibited by the Privacy Act and details of incidents under investigation.

Commanders are able to develop their own OPSEC policy addressing blogs, Pate said, under the umbrella of Army policy and guidance.





### Volunteers seek out, aid Oahu's homeless veterans

1st Lt. Terrence Burke Contributing Writer

Veterans Day, volunteers for Hawaii's U.S. Veterans Initiative "beat the bush," searching beaches and parks for homeless veterans, so they could be honored for their service.

The U.S. Veterans Initiative is a nonprofit agency that assists homeless veterans "reach their highest level of independence as rapidly as possible." Set up in 2002, Hawaii's U.S. VETS has provided services for more than 500 homeless veterans.

Veterans Day, Hawaii's U.S. VETS initiative served brunch to the 170 veterans that are currently enrolled in one of its two programs, plus those who were found during the agency's daily outreach. The meal featured table service to truly honor veterans for their service.

"It's our way of saying thank you for what they have done and what

they are doing now," said Hawaii's U.S. VETS Director Darryl Vincent.

Vincent stressed the importance of honoring the past sacrifices of veterans, along with a veteran's courage to seek help by entering U.S. VETS here in Hawaii. He said that the family members of veterans were are welcomed and honored.

### What causes homelessness of veterans?

With plentiful Veterans Affairs services available, how do veterans become homeless is a frequently asked question. It's a "direct result of the lack of services that were available during that time," explained Vincent.

Most of veterans that have come through Hawaii's U.S. VETS are unaware of the benefits that are available to them. Vincent believes issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, and mili-



tary-to-civilian transition were not addressed during prior time periods and bear some responsibility.

### Where's the therapeutic community?

Located at Barbers Point, U.S. Vets Hawaii fosters two programs woven to support a therapeutic community. Its Veterans in Progress (VIP) program addresses the salient needs of displaced veterans, offering food, shelter and substance abuse counseling, if needed.

When a participant of the VIP program, the veteran's personal social and physical barriers to employment are addressed. Veterans are introduced to VA benefits that will assist their

clinical needs while resident job counselors provide résumé coaching and other employment services. Veterans are also tested for drugs and alcohol on a weekly basis

Graduates of the VIP program are then offered affordable housing next door in the U.S. VETS housing program. Services such as Alcoholics Anonymous are available for those who choose to move into the housing program.

Veterans from the two programs interact and serve as mentors for newer members of their community. They share struggles, stories and look for the answers to become productive members of society together.

#### What is the success rate?

About 87 percent of veterans who enter the program at Barbers Point make successful transitions towards independent living. Myron Lathan is one of many who has

taken advantage of U.S. VETS and is now working as a resident manager for the program.

Lathan, a former Navy and National Security Agency cryptologist, found himself on the streets after being relocated from Guam because of Typhoon Omar 1992. He smiles as he tells his story about struggling with drug addiction, strained family relationships and two-year incarceration because of his "positive" new beginning.

When he graduated from the VIP program, Lathan applied to become a full-time staff member of U.S. VETS. He said he wanted other displaced veterans "to find their own success story."

Because of his successful transition, Lathan has grown closer with his son and is making a positive impact on the community of other homeless veterans.

### Veterans associations offer many benefits for Soldiers

Story and Photo by 1st Lt. Lindsey Dane Contributing Writer

Although being a member of the armed forces has its own benefits and sense of brotherhood, military associations can offer a world of camaraderie, discounts and other social benefits that all Soldiers could benefit from.

Each organization has its own special requirements and perks, but all are built upon the same foundation: enhancing military and civic pride, improving the community and celebrating the true essence of America, its ideals and the price that so many have paid to get us to where we are today.

#### 25th Infantry Division Association

If you're looking for an association that pays more attention to the 25th Infantry Division and what its contribution have been, then the 25th Infantry Division Association may be what you're looking for.

Officially chartered in 1950, the association supports many initiatives including a scholarship program. It also maintains and updates an archive collection to preserve the rich history of the division, as well as supports the Tropic Lightning Museum at Schofield Barracks.

The association's tremendous efforts can be seen in front of division headquarters at Building 580, at the global war on terrorism (GWOT) memorial statue, which is quickly becoming a favorite promotion or re-enlistment spot.

The association publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Tropic Lightning FLASHES*, plus coordinates reunions for all Soldiers who were attached to the division.

Family and friends of 25th veterans are eligible for associate membership.

The association also offers 25th ID memorabilia at its Web site, http://www.25thida.com/associat.ht ml



Veteran Joseph Parker from American Legion Post 1 in Hawaii gets an autograph from Jerick Johnson, driver of the organization's new American Legion Freedom Car at the American Legion's 87th National Convention in Honolulu, Aug. 19, at the Honolulu Convention Center.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Open to all military branches, VFW members have participated in foreign wars. A listing of those satisfying eligibility is maintained on the organization's Web site at www.vfw.org.

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The VFW recognizes periods as far back as 1874 to ongoing GWOT operations. A membership application and a copy of the your military separation (DD 214) document is needed to become a member.

With auxiliaries, the VFW boasts 2.4 million members in approximately 9,000 posts and installations around the world. Its motto is "Honoring the dead by helping the living."

The VFW provides \$2.5 million in college scholarships to high school students every year. Membership benefits include entitlement to a free \$1,000 and \$1,500 personal accident protection policy, personal assistance securing government benefits and entitlements for veterans, discounts on car

rentals and hotel stays, and substantial insurance discounts, to include pet insurance.

VFW members receive a free subscription to VFW Magazine and the opportunity to join the Pentagon Federal Credit union. The VFW also provides a Military Assistance Program, a quality of life initiative that focuses on easing the financial emergencies of deploying service members and supporting them and their family throughout the hardships of deployment.

MAP provides one-time grants up to \$500 to service members needing emergency financial assis-

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary welcomes members who are citizens of the United States, not less than 16 years old, among other criteria.

The auxiliary provides many of the same benefits as its parent organization. It allows the woman supporting her male service member to volunteer, develop leadership skills and support patriotism and the armed forces.

Ladies help inform young people

#### **Veterans Organizations**

Association of the United States Army www.army.mil

Disabled American Veterans www.dav.org

Enlisted Association of the National Guard www.eangus.org

Military Officers Association www.moaa.org Military Order of the Purple Heart www.purpleheart.org

The National Guard Association www.ngaus.org

Officers Association www.ncoausa.org

Non-Commissioned

Reserve Officers Association www.roa.org Vietnam Veterans of America www.wa.org

(Editor's Note: See http://www.army.mil/v eteransorga nizations/ for a more complete listing of notable veterans organizations.)

of the importance of voting, citizenship and respect for the flag.

#### The American Legion

Unlike the VFW, combat service is not a requirement to join the American Legion. Service members on active duty today, anywhere in the world, or those who have served during any eligible war eras, and those who are veterans are eligible to become a "Legionnaire."

The American Legion is a community-service organization that now numbers nearly three million, of both genders, in nearly 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide.

Posts are organized into 55 departments, one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

The American Legion offers similar benefits for its members as the VFW such as discounts on insurance, car rentals and hotel stays.

The organization's medical benefits include TRICARE Supplement benefits, discounts on prescription drugs and eyewear, and its own American Legion term life insurance program.

For those still serving on active duty, the program has benefits such as discounts on battle dress uniforms through its online store/catalog.

For those transitioning soon, the American Legion offers a free benefits and records review with a qualified American Legion service officer, upon request, so that veterans can learn about all the benefits they are entitled to.

The Legion's commitment to educating the nation's youth on the importance of citizenship and the value of freedom shine through in the multiple family and children's programs that the organization sponsors.

The American Legion supports veterans still serving overseas with its Operation Tribute to Freedom program, and numerous others, to encourage blood donation and connecting with deployed Soldiers.

A common bond exists between the men and women who have shared in the military lifestyle: a shared sense of duty and a common belief in a higher cause greater than ourselves.

Veterans organizations allow service members to participate, to preserve memories of those who did not return, to continually educate, and to never forget or take freedom for granted.

### Flu vaccine is still available

to 3:30 p.m.; or

Wednesdays from

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.,

Margaret Tippy Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office

HONOLULU — Tripler Army Medical Center's Immunization Clinic, located on Tripler's fourth floor, has added dates for walk-in clinics to serve Tripler's medical population.

Nov. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Tripler Immunization Clinic will immunize all eligible patients.

All military services on island have flu vaccine on hand for their patient populations, said Dr. (Col.) Michael R. Brumage, chief of Tripler's Preventive Medicine Department.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times, it can lead to death, Brumage said.

The best way to prevent this illness is by getting a flu vaccination each fall.

Beginning Nov. 21 in the Tripler Immunization Clinic, everyone eligible for services may stop by during the clinic's normal immunization hours for a flu shot. In addition, the Tripler Immunization Clinic is sponsoring two flu vaccination dates and is scheduling additional staff to make the process move more quickly.

Patients who are in medically high-risk categories, however, require a physician screening prior to immunization.

Available dates at the Tripler Immunization Clinic: **ON THE WEB** 

For local updates, visit www.tamc. amedd.army.mil and click on "Flu Hotline."

•Today, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with extra staff)

•Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

•Wednesday, Nov. 23, walk-in for eligible patients from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Patients may call the Tripler Flu Hotline at 433-3357 to receive updated information.

### Available dates at the Tripler Pediatric Clinic (433-6234):

•Patients enrolled in the clinic will be vaccinated Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and •Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. •Wednesdays from 8 a.m.

•Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 3:45 p.m.

• Friday, Nov. 25, walk-in for eligible patients from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Available dates at the Schofield Barracks Clinic:

•Patients enrolled at Schofield Clinic may be vaccinated Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon, or 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon; or Fridays from

and 2 to 3:30 p.m. Call p.m., except the last Friday Schofield Family Medicine at of every month when hours are 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call the 433-3650 or 3649. Schofield's Immunization Clinic at 433-8145. Available dates at the Schofield Barracks Family **Medicine Clinic:** •Patients enrolled at the Schofield Family Medicine Clinic may be vaccinated Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 1

### How can I avoid getting the flu?

The best defense against the flu is annual vaccination which is especially important for certain priority groups. There are other good health habits that can help prevent the flu. These are:

- \* Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- \* If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- \* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

### HAWAII ARMY WEEKLY

# COMMUNITY & SPORTS

# Rape escape 3rd BCT wives learn self-defense

"When performed cor-

rectly, they can enable women that do not have the

physical strength to break

away from a much stronger

assailant - the same way the Gracie family has had

such success against much

Proof behind his words

bigger guys.'

Story and Photos by Joy Boisselle Staff Writer

Money, talent, power, position... none of these things will protect a woman from rape. So began Rorion Gracie, head of the legendary Gracie "Jiu-Jitsu" family, to 3rd Brigade Combat Team wives on Nov. 2 at the 3rd BCT recreation room.

"The Gracies, Rorion and his son, Ryron, were here originally to teach combatives to 3rd BCT Soldiers. I asked if they could do a self-defense class for our spouses, and they agreed, free of charge and for as many times as we could fill a class," explained Col. Patrick Stackpole, commander, 3rd BCT.

The father and son duo taught two 90-minute classes to more than 40 brigade wives

using techniques of their new program, "Women Empowered. The were women taught a condensed version of the "Women Empowered" program, which normally consists of eight 90-minute classes.

For the past twelve years, Gracie studied ways to take the battle-tested techniques of Gracie "Jiu-Jitsu" and apply them to women-specific selfdefense needs. In addition, the complete program also helps women gain the confidence to act and provides a plan, if executed correctly, to escape a would-be attacker he stated.

Through Gracie's research into sexual assault methods, he developed 12 techniques, based on leverage and technique, designed to counter the most common sexual assault attack positions. Six techniques are taught from a standing position and six from an on-the-ground position.

Gracie was personally motivated to develop and teach "Women Empowered." He told the group that he has three daughters and a

wife, then, cited a sobering national statistic that 1-in- 4 women will be attacked in the United States.

Most women self-defense classes are based on punching, kicking and strikes, which do not necessarily work against an attacker that you can assume will always be bigger, stronger, and heavier than you are - and able to strike back,

Gracie explained to the group.
"The truth of the matter is

mat-

ter how much self-defense you take; you don't have the strength, speed, or power to fight off an attacker. One punch from an attacker can knock you out," he said, underscoring the seriousness of the evening's lesson.

Gracie described how when attacked, many women will panic, struggle, and eventually succumb to fatigue. At that point, "the attacker will win," he said pointed-

He continued, "The objective of my program is simple. We are not here to teach women how to fight. The techniques of Gracie "Jiu-Jitsu," developed over the last 80 years, are so simple and so effeccomes from the numerous Gracie family successes on the martial arts battlefield. Grand Master Helio Gracie, Rorion's father developed Gracie Jiu-Jitsu in the early 1900's in Brazil and today, more than 50 Gracie family members continue the family tradition

Judging by the enthusiastic participation, concentration, and intensity of the participants, the importance and relevance of the Gracie instruction to the wives was high.

Denise Moultrie, a 2nd Infantry Battalion, 5th Regiment wife, said, This course needs to be offered to all spouses, especially military spouses. In an infantry unit like ours, the deployments are high

and many times, wives are left home alone. Knowing these techniques, you have something to help defend vourself.

Another spouse, Marci Curry, said, "I have seen the Gracies on TV and it is really an honor to learn something from people who know completely what they are doing. This class will teach me something that I might need to

Although the wives of the 3rd BCT at Schofield Barracks certainly benefited from the one-onone world-class instruction provided by Gracie, he is not content to stop here.

There are 683,000 rapes a year, 57,000 a month, over 1800 a day, 73 an hour, and 1.3 every minute", said Gracie, "The statistics are horrifying and growing. This is something I can do to help.







Legendary Gracie "Jiu-Jitsu" family members, Rorion and his son, Ryron, recently trained 3rd Brigade Combat Team wives at the 3rd BCT recre-

ation room. The Gracies were originally here to teach combatives to 3rd BCT Soldiers. Check next week's paper for more on that training.



#### **NOVEMBER**

18 / Today Holiday Craft Sale start on your holiday shopping at the Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center holiday sale. Items will include koa woodcrafts, pottery, stained glass, ceramics and jewelry, along with a silent auction.

The sale will be held today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 438-1071 or 438-1315.

Pasta Bar at Reggie's - Interested in creating your own signature pasta dish? Visit Reggie's today from 5 to 8 p.m. and choose from a variety

of pastas, sauces and other extra ingredients to design your perfect Italian meal. " B u i l d

Your Own Pasta Night" fea-

tures adult pricing at \$8.95 and children, ages 3 to 12, at \$4.95. Call 655-4466 for more information.

Teen Social — Join friends for an evening of fun at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center and the Aliamanu Teen Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Listen to music and dance, play games or participate in contests.

Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

#### Fort Richardson Theater —

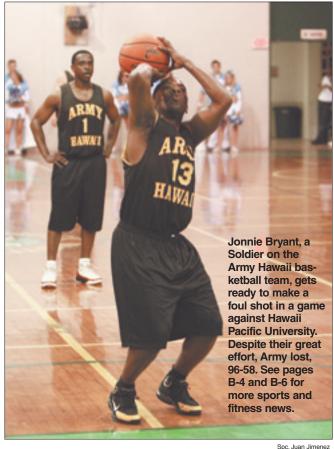
Come see the Army Community Theater's production of "Kismet." Performances will be held today and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26, and Dec. 2 and 3. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for this exciting musical can be purchased at the Richardson Theater box office or online at http://www/squareone.org/ACT/tick

Hip Hop/R&B Night — Come to the Tropics for an evening of fun and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. An \$8 cover charge applies at the door. Call 655-5697 for more information.

19 / Saturday Turkey Coloring Contest —

### 'Just watch and learn'



Children in grades kindergarten through sixth can show off their creativity by entering the Turkey Coloring Contest. Entry forms are available at the Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Arts and Craft Centers, Army Youth Centers, the Tropics and area libraries.

Pictures will be displayed in those facilities, and everyone who participates will be entered in a drawing to win a free art class.

Nov. 19 is the deadline to enter, and the art class drawing will be held Nov. 23. For more information, call the Schofield Craft Center at 655-4202 or the Fort Shafter Craft Center at 438-1315.

20 / Sunday Readers Theater — Come enjoy the production of "The Retreat from Moscow," a drama by William Nicholson, at the Richardson Theater.

Performances will be held Sunday and Dec. 4, and all shows begin at 2 p.m. For more information, call 438-

#### 21 / Monday

Steak Night - Enjoy a sizzling steak cooked on the grill with garlic mashed potatoes, rolls and vegeta-bles at Reggie's. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost is only \$11.95 for top sirloin steak and \$14.95 for Porterhouse steak. Children's pricing is available. For additional information, call 655-

#### 25 / Friday

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet

Taste a traditional Hawaiian style feast today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or information.

Note, the Hale Ikena will not host luau lunch buffets in November or December.

### 28 / Monday

"B" or Better — Students who receive a "B" average or better grade on their report cards are invited to bring their report card to the Tropics during the month of November and enter to win a free meal at the Trop-

A drawing will be held for elementary, middle and high school students, Nov. 30.

Students do not need to be present to win. For more information, call 655-8522.

3 / Saturday Holiday Fun Fest — The Aliamanu Military Reservation community center will host a Holiday Fun Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 3.

Holiday activities, pictures with Santa, games and relays, food, prizes and great live entertainment will all be available for families to enjoy.

The day will kick off with a community parade at 9 a.m. For additional information, call 833-0920.

SKIES Christmas Gift - Parents, do you want to give a special Christmas gift this year? Let SKIES Unlimited help.

Enroll your child in karate, driver education or dance classes between now and Dec. 21, and receive a free karate uniform, a 10 percent dis-count on driver's education or a silver dance

shoes charm (while supplies last).

Y o u will also receive a gift card with

each Christmas gift class registration. For more information, call 655-5525.

#### ONGOING

Army Soldier Show - Performer and technician nominations are now being accepted for the Army Soldier Show.

If you are interested in participating or want more information, call the Leisure Activities Office at 655-0112 or 655-0111.

New at the Tropics — Take your lunch break at the Tropics and try its new "local plate" lunch.

Meals include chicken cutlet, chicken katsu or hamburger steak, along with rice and your choice of garden salad or potato salad. The cost for a mini-plate is \$3.50, the regular plate, \$5.50.

### Community Calendar

#### **NOVEMBER**

26 / Saturday

- The Holiday Craft Fair Mission Houses Museum will celebrate its 32nd annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kick off your holiday shopping

season with special products from more than 50 dis-

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dors. The craft fair will feature superior woodcrafts, clothes,

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lectibles, jewelry, art, lei, food and entertainment. A selection of out-of-print Hawaiian books will also be for sale by the Hawaiian

Mission Children's Society Library. While at the fair, attendees can visit the Breadfruit Quilts of Hawaii exhibit in the Chamberlain House. The exhibit will be free to the public the weekend of the fair.

Free parking is available at the underground City and County Municipal parking lot, accessible from Beretania Street. Metered parking is available on Kawaiahao and King streets, and the Iolani Palace grounds. Parking is also available for a nominal fee at Kawaiahao Plaza Garage.

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on the grounds of the Mission Houses Museum located at 553 S. King St. behind

Kawaiahao Church. Admission is free. Call 531-0841 for additional information.

Photos with Santa — Whether you've been naughty or nice, come down and tell Santa what's on your wish list.

St. Nick will visit Nov. 25 through Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. to closing at the Pearlridge Mall Downtown Center Court.

#### 27 / Sunday

Blaisdell Arena Motley Crue Concert -- Special military-priced tickets for Motley Crue are on sale through Nov. 27 for the band's concert at the Blaisdell Arena Dec. 14.

The discount is available to all active military, reservists and veterans, and extends to their family

With more than 40 million albums sold worldwide, the "Carnival of Sins" tour is the band's first reunion tour in six years. It's considered a milestone at a time of personal growth for all its members.

Tickets for Motley Crue are priced \$69.50 and \$62.50 and are available at the Blaisdell Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets, including Times. Via phone call 1-877-750-4400, toll free, or surf www.ticket master.com.

#### 28 / Monday

Theatre Army Community Auditions — Auditions for "CATS," the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, will be held at Richardson Theatre on Fort Shafter, Nov. 28 through 30.

Dance auditions will start at 7 p.m. followed by vocal auditions at 8:30 p.m.

For more audition information, call the ACT Box Office at 438-4480.

#### 29 / Tuesday

Blaisdell Arena Eagles Concert — The Eagles will be performing songs from their 30-year career, including such hits as "Hotel California," "Desperado," "Take It to the Limit," "Life in the Fast Lane" and "Take it Easy," at the Blaisdell Arena

in Honolulu, Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1. These performances will be the band's first in Honolulu in more than nine years.

\$95 and \$65, plus applicable services charges, and are available at the Blaisdell Box Office, Ticketmaster outlets, and charge-by-phone at 1-877-750-4400. Purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Tickets are priced at \$250, \$150,

### **DECEMBER**

### 1 / Thursday

FBI Recruitment -- Are you interested in a career with the FBI as a special agent? Learn about the FBI by attending the monthly FBI career presentation on Dec. 1 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Building 690 (Aloha Center), in the third floor conference room at Schofield Barracks.

Entry-level salary is \$49,347 (GS 10) during academy training and \$59,418 to \$67,220 upon graduation. For more information, call 655-

For information about future monthly presentations, contact Special Agent Kal Wong at 566-4488.

#### 2 / Friday

Special Olympics Hawaii -Special Olympics Hawaii needs volunteers for its annual Holiday Classic, Dec. 2 through 4 at Hickam Air Force Base and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Nearly 800 athletes will compete in statewide basketball, bocce and bowling competitions.

Volunteers are the backbone of Special Olympics, and more than 700 volunteers are needed to help make this event special. Whether you can contribute your time "behind the scenes" or at one of the sporting events, Special Olympics has a position for you. Positions go fast, so don't wait. For

more information, call 943-8808, extension 27, or visit www.specialolympicshawaii.org.

4 / Sunday

Hui O'Na Wahine Fundraiser The Hui O' Na Wahine presents its annual fundraiser, a Tropical Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 5 to

8 p.m. Join the community for a look

at many historical homes dressed for the holiday season. A craft fair will be held prior to the tour from noon to 5 p.m. on the Generals Loop

Check-in for the club fundraiser is from 4 to 5 p.m. at 227 General's Loop. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at check in. This event is open to the public, and only children ages 12 and older may participate on the tour. For tickets or vendor information, call 629-8322 or 624-0895.

#### **ONGOING**

Community Calendar Briefs -Do you have announcements of upcoming events or activities you'd like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly? If so, e-mail your informa-

editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

Schofield Barracks Pediatric Clinic — The new children's waiting room is open for business at the Schofield Barracks Pediatric Clinic, Building 680. The waiting room provides free care for healthy children while parents tend to medical appointments.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Armed Forces YMCA office at 624-5645.

Fort Shafter Newcomers Orientation Tour — The Fort Shafter Army Community Service presents a Newcomers Orientation Tour every other Tuesday.

This Oahu tour helps familiarize new Soldiers and family members with many aspects of Hawaiian culture, customs, language, surrounding communities, the Hale Koa Hotel and various points of interest on the island.

Preregistration is required and seating is limited. Tour time is 7:30 a.m. to 4 pm. Lunch is not provided, but you can bring your lunch or pur-chase it at the Hale Koa. Call the Fort Shafter ACS at 438-9285 for registration or questions

### HACH TV2 Schedule

#### Morning

6:00 Sign On

6:26 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii 6:47 Welcome Home

Redeployment Guam 7:00 **Bulletin Board** 

What's Down the

Drain

7:41 White Face

7:55

Water Safety 8:00 Hawaii Army Report

Army News Watch

Pentagon Channel 9:00

10:00 White Face

Ceremony 25ID & **USARHAW** 

10:15 Change of Command

10:20 Bulletin Board 10:50 Welcome Home

Redeployment Guam 11:04 Coqui Frog Invasion

in Hawaii 11:26 VATV #2

11:52 Inside Afghanistan 8/31/05

12:00 Hawaii Army Report

12:35 Pentagon Channel

#### Afternoon

2:00 Inside Afghanistan 9/08/05 2:12 **Bulletin Board** 

2:42 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam Shamu: The Rhino

Story Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii

**Hurricane Safety** 

4:00 Pentagon Channel

#### Evening

6:00 Hawaii Army Report 6:30 Community Focus

What's Down the 6:47 Drain Change of Command

**USARHAW** 

Ceremony 25ID &

7:00 NFL: Football Follies **Bulletin Board** 

8:30 Inside Afghanistan 8/31/05

8:42 What's Down the Drain

8:50 White Face

9:06 Volunteers

Welcome Home Redeployment Guam

Inside Afghanistan

8/22/05

Safety Video Coqui Frog Invasion

9:34

in Hawaii

10:10 NFL: Ice Bowl 11:25 Bulletin Board

Overnight

Pentagon Channel



Today Serenity 7 p.m. (PG-13)

Saturday
The Greatest Game Ever Played 7 p.m. (PG)

Sunday An Unfinished Life 7 p.m. (PG-13)

Wednesday

An Unfinished Life

7 p.m. (PG-13) Wednesday Happy Thanksgiving!

ne theater is closed Monday Tuesday and Thursday.

# Town Hall meetings are proving quite productive

Joy Boisselle

FORT SHAFTER— Productive Town Hall Meetings are the goal said Lt. Col. Steve Moniz, commander, Oahu Base Support Battalion (OBSB). To meet that goal, the meetings last no more than an hour including the question and answer segment, and briefers keep their remarks focused and direct.

Along with the new and improved format, the meetings now occur quarterly and are no longer a Schofield Barracksonly event. On Nov. 8, military and community leaders briefed OBSB North residents at Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. The next evening, leaders targeted OBSB South residents with a brief at Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel.

Moniz again stressed the importance of resident attendance at the community forums.

"There are two reasons to come to these meetings. One is to gain information straight from the source bypassing rumors," he said, "And, secondly, it provides an opportunity for any resident or any member of the community to come and ask questions or to voice concerns directly to the command."

The following are the meet-

#### **AAFES Construction**

Susan Nonamaker, AAFES manager, gave attendees a progress report of the construction of the new Schofield Barracks Post Exchange. The project is 38 percent complete and the roof is in place. The projected completion date is early 2007.

Phase 1 is on track with the new store opening on March 15. The old PX and PXtra will move into the new facility making way for Phase 2 and the demolition of the old buildings. Nonamaker explained that patrons might find some goods inventory lower than normal while construction is ongoing. During Phase 2, the food court will close, but food kiosks will be available for customers' food needs.

When completed, the new PX will total 85,000 square feet, 20,000 more than the old facility and parking stalls will jump from 300 to 690 spaces. The Food Court will expand from less than 1000 square feet and seating for 76 to almost 18,000 square feet and seating for nearly 700. Eating choices will jump from the current three to ten and include, Burger King, Blimpie, Charley's Steakery, Man Chu Wok, and Colter's BBQ.

#### Child and Youth Services

Beth Fuller, director, CYS. announced Child Development Center closure dates for mandatory annual training. Currently, CDCs are closed on all federal holidays and the day after Thanksgiving. To meet training requirements, Fuller said centers will now close on one training holiday per quarter in addition to the previous closure days. The CDC training date closures are Nov. 25 this year and Feb. 17, May 26, and Sep. 1, next year. Soldiers who must work on those days should contact the CYS reservation office at 655-1230 or 655-8313 for child care options.

#### American Red Cross

Beth Weber, the Schofield Barracks Red Cross station manager, delivered an overview of what the station office can do for Soldiers. She included types of messages the Red Cross can provide, what constitutes an emergency message and defines an immediate family member. To contact the Red Cross office, call 1-877-272-7337. Families in the continental U.S., should call their



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to Oahu South residents. Com-

ing soon are a New Parent

Support Program, victim advo-

cacy, Army Family Team Build-

ing, employment workshops at

AMR and Tripler, a computer

lab for resume assistance, and

an exceptional family member

group at AMR Chapel. Finally,

the website, Army One Source,

was publicized as a 24 hour, 7

days a week help line for Sol-

diers and their families. To

reach Army One Source, call 1-

800-464-8107 or go online to

Town Hall Meeting is Jan. 17

at 6:30 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith

Theater. Fort Shafter's Town

Hall Meeting will be on Jan. 18

at 6:30 p.m. at the AMR

The next Schofield Barracks

program (EFMP)

ArmyOneSource.com

A speaker at the town hall meeting held at Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel Nov. 8. addresses military, community leaders and members who attended.

#### local Red Cross. Schools Liaison Officer

Kristina Noriega-Artis provided a summary of the Joint Venture Education Forum, a partnership between the military and the Hawaii Department of Education. She detailed some of the group's initiatives, funding, and programs, including a military culture course for educators, and a transition website for incoming families at http://militaryfamily.k12.hi.us.

### Directorate of Community Activities

A complete listing of MWR events is available in the Discovery Magazine or online at http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/.

#### Provost Marshall

Lt. Col. Tony Carr, commander, 25th Military Police Battalion, gave a detailed brief concerning abandoned vehicle procedures. He explained that the procedures are very regulated and specific, but that anybody can report a suspected abandoned vehicle. To report an abandoned vehicle or for questions, contact the military police at Schofield Barracks at 655-5555 or 655-7114.

At Fort Shafter, the provost marshal briefed area crime statistics. From 2004 to 2005, assaults are down by 39 percent and domestic assault by 26 percent. Crimes against property showed a similar downward trend from last year as burglaries were down by 80 percent, larceny of private property by 73 percent and damage to private property by 9 percent. To contact the Fort Shafter PMO, call 438-4911

#### Actus Lend Lease (ALL)

At Fort Shafter's Town Hall, ALL furnished residents with a progress report of ongoing and planned construction in the OBSB North area. During 2005, ALL will continue demolition of several areas within AMR. In 2006, construction of 204 new units will begin at AMR with an additional 145 units planned for construction in Coast Guard Mauka. In addition, construction will begin on three new community centers at AMR, Fort Shafter, and the Coast Guard.

### Army Community Service

Also at Fort Shafter, ACS representatives briefed ongoing programs and initiatives soon to be available

### Outdoor Circle honors Army in Hawaii

Ann Wharton and Wendy Truer AHFH and Actus Lend Lease Contributing Writers

The Army Hawaii Family Housing and Actus Lend Lease partnership was recently awarded the 2005 Crystal Hibiscus Corporate Award by one of Hawaii's leading environment groups, The Outdoor Circle.

This significant honor was bestowed as a result of the strong commitment to the preservation of significant trees in the redevelopment of the Kalakaua and Porter communities at Schofield Barracks.

"The Army has made a strong commitment to creating appealing residential environments," said Col. Howard J. Killian, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii. "The Outdoor Circle's recognition of this effort, especially as it relates to our housing initiatives, is proof that the Army takes its responsibilities to the environment and to building sustainable communities for Soldiers and their families seriously."

Actus' urban planning and design teams, which included local businesses and consultants, assumed the daunting task of protecting and relocating more than several hundred trees.

"Our teams walked the entire project site, nearly 200 acres, to conduct comprehensive tree surveys that identify and tag notable trees that would remain in place or be relocated," said Wendy Truer, Urban Design Manager for Actus. "We were fortunate that the Army has the same commitment to the environment that Actus has, so taking this approach in designing these communities was a winwin for the Army, Actus, Army families and Hawaii."

A site plan was developed upon completion of the survey. The plan retained significant trees in future parks and in key locations within each neighborhood.

By retaining significant trees and structuring the urban design around them, many more trees were retained.

Also, the use of a "mews-based" community layout, which provides rear lane access for cars, with the front door of homes fronting onto common open space areas, also allowed



Wendy Tr

Steven Nimz, a certified arborist with "The Tree People" helps survey an area and identify trees for protection, relocation and recycling.

for additional tree retention.

The increased areas of open space generated by the mews design assist considerably with on-site absorption of storm water. In addition Actus Lend Lease has canvassed local wood turners, sawmill operators and landscape companies to salvage timber from the site.

"What the Army and Actus have done with this community development project is extraordinary," said Mary Steiner, chief executive officer, The Outdoor Circle. "They are taking the lead and setting the standard for what future developers should be doing."

Army families will begin moving into this new community in July 2006.



#### NOVEMBER

20 / Sunday
"5 Game, No Tap" Tournament — Individuals are invited to participate in the "5 Game, No Tap" Tournament at the Schofield Bowling Center. Check-in is at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more details.

29 / Tuesday Youth Basketball Clinic — Be prepared for the upcoming Hawaii Youth

Sports League basketball season by attending a youth basketball clinic.

The Aliamanu Physical

The Aliamanu Physical Fitness Center gym will be the location for one clinic, for

all ages,
Dec. 27.
The
Bennett
Youth
Center at
Schoffield Bar-

racks will be the meeting location for two clinics, one Dec. 28, for children born between 1997 and 2000, and the other Dec. 29 for children born between 1987 and 1996.

All clinics will include both offensive and defensive skills and drills. Register for the youth clinic up until Nov. 29 at your nearest Army Youth Center. For more information contact your area youth sports director.

Youth Basketball and Cheerleading — Registration for Hawaii Youth Sports basketball and cheerleading will be held through Nov. 29 at the youth centers of Aliamanu Military Reservation, Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks, Helemano Military Reservation and Wheeler Army Air Field.

First-time participants must sign up with the CYS Registration Office before they can register for activities. Cost is \$55 per person for basketball and

\$60 per person for cheerleading, or \$20 per person using the same uniform from past cheerleading seasons.

For more information, contact your area sports director.

#### 3 / Saturday Ladies Golf Clinic

Ladies, do you want to brush up on your golfing skills? A free golf clinic will be held Dec. 3 at the Leilehua Golf Course located right outside the WAAF front gate.

The clinic will last for one hour and will begin promptly at 3 p.m. All required equipment will be provided to participants and advance reservations are recommended.

For more details or to reserve your space, call 655-4653.



Photos by Spc. Juan Jimenez

### **Bucking Broncos**

Karl Oldren (above) with the 1-25th Aviation Regiment returns a punt for a gain of 40 yards during a flag football game at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks. Meanwhile, Nefi Laga with 3rd Brigade looks to throw downfield.



#### **ONGOING**

Karate Classes —
Hawaii Okinawa Karate Do
Shodukan classes are
offered at the Fort
Shafter
Physical
Fitness
Center Thursdays from 6 to
7:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to
2:45 p.m.

Karate helps develop character, confidence, health and self-discipline, which are all admirable qualities.

Contact instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-4495 for additional information.

SKIES Movement Center — Do you have a love for the performing arts? If so, classes that feature creativity, cooperation, confidence,

and self-expression are available at the SKIES movement center.

Classes include street dance, introduction to dance, hula and ukulele. Look for ballet and junior hip hop in January.

All classes cost \$33 per month or \$99 per semester. For additional information, call 655-5525.

**Sports Night** — Join the excitement every Monday at Reggie's when a special sports bar menu is served from 4 to 8 p.m.

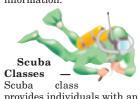
The lounge closes at 9 p.m., but until then, patrons can enjoy big-screen TV, ESPN and more.

 $Call\ 655\text{-}4466\ for\ more information.$ 

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## Intramural Flag Football Standings

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Unit	Wins	Losses	Pct.	
Green Division				
HHC, 84th Eng. Bn.	5	0	1.000	
Co. B, 66th Eng.	2	1	0.667	
HOC, 732 MI	2	2	0.500	
HHC, Discom	2	3	0.400	
Co. A, 1st Bn.,14th Inf.	0	5	0.000	
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Orange Division				
1-25 Avn. Rgt.	4	1	1.000	
HHC, 3rd Bde.	4	1	0.750	
Co. A, 1st Bn., 27th Inf.	2	2	0.500	
556th PSB	1	3	0.250	
Co. B, 725th MSB	0	4	0.000	
Blue Division				
Co. C, 25th Avn Rgt.	4	1	0.800	
Btry. B, 2nd Bn., 11th	3	1	0.750	
HHT, 3rd Sqdn., 4th Cav.	4	3	0.571	
Co. C, 1st Bn., 14th Inf.	1	3	0.250	
DFAC	0	4	0.000	
Gold Division				
Btry. A. 3rd Bn., 7th FA	6	0	1.000	
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 5th Inf.	2	2	0.500	
HQ Co. A. 225th FSB	2	3	0.400	
125th Fin. Bn.	1	2	0.250	
HHC 25th Avn. Bde.	0	3	0.000	
Purple Division				
40th QM	5	0	1.000	
Co. C, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf	3	1	0.750	
Co. B, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf	1	2	0.333	
Co. C, 725 MSB	1	5	0.167	
HHC, 125th STB	0	4	0.000	
Ft. Shafter Division				
94th AAD	5	1	0.833	
TAMC	4	2	0.667	
30th Signal	3	2	0.600	
29th Engineers	4	3	0.571	
39th MP	4	4	0.500	
DENTAC	1	2	0.333	
USARPAC	0	7	0.000	

(Standings are current as of Nov. 16.)



#### **DECEMBER**

1 / Thursday Hawaii Youth Soccer

Camp — Coerver, a premier soccer skills teaching program, will conduct a soccer camp at Mililani District Park for Hawaii

Youth Soccer Association players between the ages of 7 to 14.

The five-day soccer camp will be held Dec. 26 to 30. Youth ages 7 to 10 will train from 4 to 6 p.m, while youth ages 11 to 14 will train from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m..

Those registering by Dec. 1 pay \$95, if members of Hawaii Rush, \$125 if nonmembers and \$90 each for additional siblings.

After Dec. 1, price increases to \$155. Only early registrants will be assured of a Coerver training T-shirt.

Registration forms are available online at www.hawaiirushsoccer.com (click on "Clinics"). For more details, e-mail HawaiiRushC oach@aol.com.

2 / Friday Great Aloha Run— The

22nd Great Aloha Run, an 8.15-mile run, will be held President's Day, Feb. 20, but race officials are offering a special rate and entry form to all active duty military, family members and DoD civilians who register by Dec.

By using the special military entry form, participants will save \$5 off the regular entry fee and \$1 will be returned to MWR. Early entries received no later than Dec. 2 also entitle military to a free "In Training" T-shirt, but be sure to use the military entry form that can be found at all military Physical Fitness Centers, or go online to www.active.com.

For more race information, call 528-7388 or visit www.greataloharun.com. Call 943-0309 for information about the "In-Training" Workshop too.



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### Big Kahuna's offers great food, low prices ... parking too

Patrice Mishket Contributing Writer

HONOLULU many times have you heard, "Don't judge a book by its cover"? Well, da Big Kahuna's Pizza-n-Stuffs is one of those "books" you won't want

This tiny restaurant is a bonafide hole in the wall that can easily be overlooked. The outside is simple — a green building with an unassuming sign, surfboards and a crammed parking lot - and will be the only clues that you have arrived.

If you manage a parking spot, you then must begin praying that one of the 16 seats inside will also be available.

For more than 10 years, the restaurant has been serving one-of-a kind fare to its eager public. Owner Kelly Suchotzki, amazingly a vegetarian, combined New York and Chicago-style pizza, brought the recipe to Oahu and has made it a uniquely island dish.

Restaurant prices are reasonable and service, if you can get a table, is quite friendly.

When I was talking to friends about da Big Kahuna's, they offered to come along so that I wouldn't have to eat by myself, and we could sample a variety of menu items. The "sacrifice" they made to join me was well-rewarded with a great lunch.

da Big Kahuna's is known for pan pizza, but we chose to have sandwiches, or stuffs, as they call them there. Oh, baby, what stuffs did we

I enjoyed "Killer Kalua Pork," a very generous por-



### da Big Kahuna's

Location: 33 Puuloa Rd. off Nimitz Hwy

#### Hours

As advertised, "Open 7 days a week! Sundays from 12 to 7 p.m. and Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., or until we have no more 'da kine."

For more information, or to phone in an order, call 833-5588, or fax 833-5098 by 10 a.m.

tion of roasted pork piled on high with barbecue sauce. One of my friends chose the "Paniolo (that's Hawaiian for cowboy) BBQ Beef Brisket," a mammoth Texas-style sandwich with fall-off-the-bone brisket slowly simmered in its own juices with barbecue My other friend elected to

have the healthy "Surfer Veggie Grinder." This colossal sandwich featured extra Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese, and fine-cut cabbage, tomatoes, green peppers, black olives, fresh mushrooms and mild red onions.

The sandwich was then topped with mayo and mustard and drizzled with olive oil vinaigrette ... a feast.

Unbelievably, each sandwich only cost \$6.35.

For drinks, we chose a soda, which only come in one size: a bottomless 32 ounces



Above — Behind this green façade is some of the island's best pizzas and sandwiches.

Right — The "Killer Kalua Pork" stuff sandwich lends credibility to the restaurant's motto, "da buggas are loaded."

that goes pretty well with the generous food portions.

Need is nonexistent to order extra anything because these sandwiches are loaded and enormous. But it's not just what's inside that makes them great. All sandwiches come served on da Big Kahuna's homemade jumbo rolls, ala Auntie Ellen's secret recipe.

Ono sandwiches are about 10 inches across and close to

6 inches tall (think football). If you are in a hurry, you need to know that da Big Kahuna's

does not make your food until you order it. And while the wait may be a slow process, the quality of the food is worth lingering.

One way we discovered to make the wait less painful was to have an order of the "Garlic Cheese Balls." The dozen bread balls come piping hot to the table, having been baked in butter and garlic and topped with a melted five-cheese blend.



Cheese balls were gooey and delicious, and I must warn you, once you try these, you will be hooked.

As for pizzas, the tantalizing smell alone will tempt even the most disciplined dieter. Pizza comes in two sizes: 6-inch and 12-inch and with plentiful variety of top-

Costs run from \$3.95 for a 6-inch cheese to \$16.95 for

the 12-inch "da Sumo Special," a serious pizza with pepperoni, ham, Italian sausage, kalua pig, Por-tuguese sausage, bacon, onions, fresh mushrooms, chopped tomatoes and black

Pizzas are deep dish and baked "well-done" to make sure they are thoroughly cooked. If you don't like yours well-done, make sure you say so because cooking to your preference is a trademark at da Big Kahuna's.

Many specialty pizzas are only found here such as the "Shrimp Scampi Delite," a shrimp pizza accented with garlic and lemon butter, melted cheese, chopped tomatoes and black olives, or the "Banzai," hefty chunks of teriyaki chicken with teriyaki glazed mushrooms and fresh-cut green onions. The "Pake" (Pah-kay), a pizza topped with stir-fried chicken accented with a flavorful sweet and sour sauce and topped with green peppers and onions is also to die

A word of advice, only go if you are hungry. da Big Kahuna's serves you lots of food for a very low price.

Also, don't go if you're in a hurry or didn't fax or call your order in ahead of time. Much of this restaurant's business is take-out from both the lunch and dinner crowds.

da Big Kahuna's is located off Nimitz Highway at 833 Puuloa Road, on the edge of an industrial section of town.

This "Taste of Hawaii" find is definitely a not-to-be missed stopover.

(Editor's Note: Do you know a terrific spot to enjoy a good meal, simple or fancy? Send your finds to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.

### New virtual commissary aids giving

Defense Commissary Agency News Release

Commissary shoppers looking for a different kind of shopping experience can let their "fingers do the clicking" at the new Virtual

Located under the shoplink https://www.commissaries.c

om, Virtual Commissary is DeCA's initial venture into the world of nternet shopping. One of DeCA's business partners, Kraft Foods Inc., is kicking it off with a selection of gift baskets.

The number of vendors and manufacturers participating will continue to increase, along with the

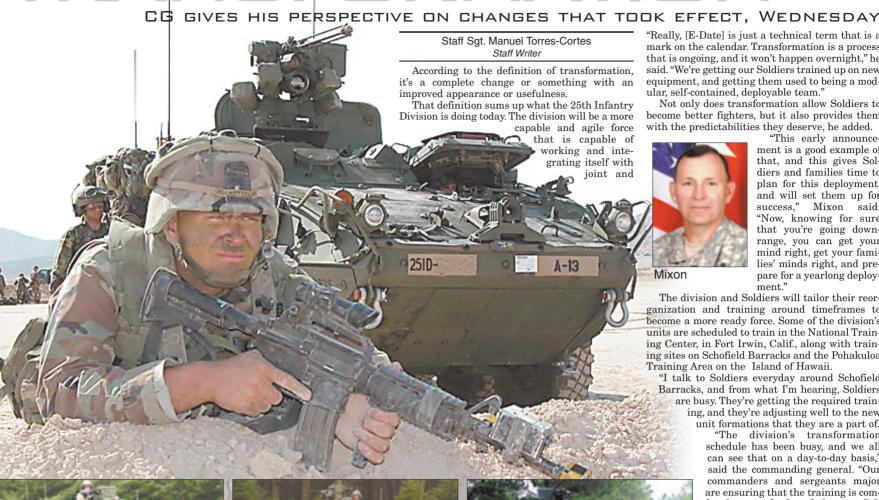
variety of products as the

service matures. All of the products in the gift baskets at Virtual Commissary can be found on the shelves of "brick and mortar" commissaries, but the unique packaging of products into gift and special occasion baskets adds a new

With titles like "Camouflage," "Drill Sergeant" and "Touch of Home," the baskets offer assortments of crackers, canned cheeses, cookies, candies and more.

**November 18, 2005** 

## TRANSFORMATION



### Stryker capabilities abound

Bradley Rhen Contributing Writer

The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team began its transformation into a more lethal fighting force, capable of deploying anywhere in the world in 96 hours, after it returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment.

Based around the 20-ton, eightwheeled Stryker vehicle, all SBCTs are designed to bridge the gap between the Army's heavy and light

Eventually, the Army will outfit seven SBCTs: three at Fort Lewis, Wash., and one each in Alaska, Hawaii, Pennsylvania and Germany.

Three are currently operational, two at Fort Lewis and one in Alaska. The 172nd SBCT from Alaska is currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The two SBCTs at Fort Lewis have previously deployed

The speed and quietness of Strykers, compared to armored track vehicles, prompted many Iraqis, when the second SBCT was deployed around Samarra, to give the brigade Soldiers the nickname "Ghost Riders." The Stryker vehicles arrive and deploy their infantrymen with little noise or warning.

"They just don't know we're coming," one Soldier said when his Stryker traveled down a city street in Mosul, barely making more noise than the diesel generators that power many houses in a country chronically short of electricity.

SBCTs have 3,900 personnel and

include three infantry battalions; a Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition (RSTA) squadron; an artillery battalion; a support battalion; a military intelligence company; an engineer company; a signal company; and an anti-tank company.

Traditional infantry brigades are only organized with these capabilities for large training exercis-

es or for war. In the SBCT, these units train together year-round. The Stryker vehi-

cle has 10 variants that include the Infantry Carrier vehicle, Mobile Gun System, Anti-Tank Missile Guided Vehicle, Reconnaissance Vehicle, Fire Support Vehicle, Engineer Squad Vehicle, Mortar Carrier Vehicle, Commander's Vehicle, Medical Evacua Vehicle, and

Nuclear Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle.

The Stryker can be deployed by C-130, C-17, or C-5 aircraft, and it can be combat-capable upon arrival in any contingency area.

Stryker vehicles have robust armor protection, can sustain speeds of 60 miles-per-hour. They have commonality of parts and self-recovery abilities, and they also have a central tire inflation system. In other words, the tires can be shot out, and the vehicle can still run on them.

multinational forces.

The Department of Defense released information that the 'Tropic Lightning Division' will be deployed next year along with the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Even before this, the division has been focused on training leaders and Soldiers, employing new equipment, structuring units to become a more lethal force and preparing for deployment at the same time since returning from Iraq and Afghanistan earlier this year.

This announcement was not surprising to us," said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, 25th Infantry Division commanding general. "We have been

preparing to return to Iraq to participate in the global war on terrorism, and we will continue the training throughout the coming year, to include the training of the divi-

> Division leaders recently received an opportunity to learn more about the transformation in a two-day class designed to incorporate understanding and cohesion.

"One of the important parts of transformation is training our leaders," said Mixon. "For two days, leaders were taught by an expert about transformation. They attended classes, briefings and exercises all designed to allow the leaders to think about how transfor-

mation applies to their organizational units." While these classes were tailored to enhance leaders were dressed clothes to relax the atmosphere and create a

forum that had no rank. This allowed them to see the transformation in a different light," said Mixon. "They got ideas to do inside their organization to help them improve this change process."

Leaders and Soldiers knew what to expect when the redesignation took effect Wednesday, Nov. 16. However, this date was only one of many dates the division was focusing on, according to "Really, [E-Date] is just a technical term that is a mark on the calendar. Transformation is a process that is ongoing, and it won't happen overnight," he said. "We're getting our Soldiers trained up on new equipment, and getting them used to being a modular, self-contained, deployable team.'

Not only does transformation allow Soldiers to become better fighters, but it also provides them with the predictabilities they deserve, he added.

"This early announcement is a good example of that, and this gives Soldiers and families time to plan for this deployment, and will set them up for success," Mixon said. Now, knowing for sure that you're going downrange, you can get your mind right, get your families' minds right, and prepare for a yearlong deploy-

The division and Soldiers will tailor their reorganization and training around timeframes to become a more ready force. Some of the division's units are scheduled to train in the National Training Center, in Fort Irwin, Calif., along with training sites on Schofield Barracks and the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii.

I talk to Soldiers everyday around Schofield Barracks, and from what I'm hearing, Soldiers are busy. They're getting the required training, and they're adjusting well to the new

unit formations that they are a part of. "The division's transformation schedule has been busy, and we all can see that on a day-to-day basis,' said the commanding general. "Our commanders and sergeants major are ensuring that the training is completed to standard, and that our Soldiers will be ready to deploy next year.'

Training is only one of the many important aspects of transformation. One of the commanding general's top priorities is family readi-ness groups. Family readiness groups have been around for many years, getting better and more capable of supporting troops and their families while they are deployed, Mixon explained.

"I can't stress enough how important our family readiness groups are to the division. They provide continuity and stability while our Soldiers downrange, and help families cope with the issues they face when their loved one is deployed," said Mixon.
"I just want to say that the FRGs are a combat

multiplier that doesn't receive enough recognition. It's a network of family members, spouses, husbands and wives who form a strong bond that strengthens the bond of the unit as well."

Ultimately, it's the commander's responsibility to ensure success of family readiness groups and training of rear detachment commanders, according to Mixon. Without FRGs and volunteers, he believes, units could not accomplish their mission.

Through time and effort, the division will complete its transformation, but until then, Soldiers and their family members will need to stay informed through various avenues through their change of command and also throughout commu-

'Soldiers need to be involved in the change," explained Mixon. "Soldiers need to stay informed by reading the Hawaii Army Weekly, the 25th ID's Web page and participating in unit activities such

as FRG meetings. Soldiers participating in transformation are especially encouraged to take a look at their organizations, and the way they are structured, and think about ways to make transformation innovative and more effective for all organiza-

"Our Soldiers have the right mindset; they are prepared for anything that will come

training "Our here on Schofield Barracks is tough, realistic ... and it will prepare them for what they will face in Iraq," emphasized

"The Tropic Lightning Division is proud to have been selected for this challenging mission. The Soldiers of America's Pacific Division are proud, ready and eager to show our Army and our nation that we are true to our motto.

" 'Ready to strike! Anywhere, anytime," the commanding general said.

### Soldiers, families, communities will see impacts of transformation

Mike Egami USAG-HI Transformation Community Liaison Specialist

The Army is undergoing the most comprehensive transformation of its forces since World War II. It is increasing the number of active component modular brigade

combat teams from 33 to 43. In Hawaii, the 25th Infantry Division is transforming the 2nd Brigade; 3rd Brigade; Headquarters, Aviation; and Sustainment Brigades.

With transformation, the 25th ID is constructing new training facilities to tailor training to face the threat of insurgents on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. Troops will be training with state-

of-the-art equipment, and these

new ranges will offer a tough, realistic environment to hone the skills of our warriors.

Additionally, a new facility, the Battle Command Training Center will provide realistic training through information technology.

off of public highways when it is

necessary to convoy to training

New vehicle roads will be constructed to keep military vehicles

areas. Drum Road, a military road traversing from Helemano Military Reservation and Kahuku Training Area, will be redesigned and constructed as a two-way paved road.

However, although Drum Road is being upgraded for military traffic, the road could be also used as an emergency vehicle route during times of declared emergencies by the State Civil Defense.

Currently, 28 construction projects on Oahu and the Island of Hawaii amount to an estimated spending of \$693 million. Out of this amount, approximately \$234 million is destined for the Island of Hawaii.

The labor force for many primary and subcontractors is local construction firms.

#### MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS



1st Stryker Brigade **Combat Team** (Fort Lewis, Wa.)



2nd Stryker Brigade **Combat Team** 

**3rd Infantry Brigade** 

**Combat Team** 

# 2nd Brigade gets Strykers | Many units

Pfc. Kyndal Brewer Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — With a history full of accomplishments, 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, is in the process of transforming into 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), to continue building upon its

"The SBCT is setting the stage for the future of Army forces," said Maj. Dewey A. Mosley, the brigade deputy effects coordinator. "Concurrently, Stryker brigades are engaged in combat operations while newly forming Stryker brigades are preparing to deploy in their place," he continued. "It is essential that these brigades are provided with the best resources and training possible to accomplish their mission

Second Brigade was originally constituted on Aug. 5, 1917. Since that time, the brigade has taken part in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and conflicts in Haiti and Boznia.

Everywhere they went, they made a name for themselves," said Mosley.

In January of 2004, the unit

deployed to Iraq, right outside the city of Kirkuk. During its deployment, Soldiers engaged in peacekeeping operations and humanitarian projects. "The culmination of their deploy-

ment occurred just before they were relieved when they helped support the first free elections in Iraq in over

50 years," said Mosley.
So far in the transformation process to a Stryker brigade, 2nd

Brigade has received five new activated units, which include 556th Signal Company; 5th Squadron, 14 Cavalry Regiment; 52nd Anti-tank Co.; 185th Military Intelligence Co.; and 66th Engineer Co.

Each unit will bring new capabilities to the brigade such as enhancing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance integration; organic support and sustainment capabilities; and modular employment of the SBCT, and most importantly, Stryker vehicles.
"The Stryker itself really

brings forth major capabilities," Mosley explained.

A Stryker vehicle can deploy in a C-130, combat loaded. It can be on the ground and ready to go in about 12 minutes. It also provides greater mobility, survivability and lethality.

"The greatest advantage that the SBCT brings to the fight is not just the new equipment," Mosley said. "True transformation is building adaptable, agile leaders that embody the warrior

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regisearch weapon caches Kirkuk, Iraq.



# activate, inactivate

Master Sgt. Terry Anderson 25th ID Public Affairs Office

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS - As the 25th Infantry Division works its way through its biggest structural changes since World War II, Tropic Lightning has welcomed some new faces and has bid Aloha to many of its traditional units that have played an important role in the division's history.

Units that have already inactivated include the 125th Military Intelligence Battalion; 65th Engineer Bn.; the 1st Bn., 62nd Air Defense Artillery; 25th Military Police Company; Battery F, 7th Field Artillery; and the 125th Signal

The 125th Sig. Bn. held its inactivation ceremony Oct. 28, marking 64 years of rich history in the 25th Infantry Division.

There are so many people to thank for the support of this battalion," said Lt. Col. Anthony Farris, 125th Sig. Bn. Commander. "Voice of Lightning, Tropic Lightning, hooah!"

Units that will soon inactivate as part of the transformation process include 1st Bn., 25th Aviation Regiment; the 68th Medical Co. (Air Ambulance); 2nd Bn., 5th Inf. Regt.; and the 725th Main Support Bn.

Some Soldiers from the inactivated units are reassigned to other units across the division that need their military occupational specialty.

"Since the Division recently redeployed from OIF [Operation Iraqi Freedom] and OEF [Operation Enduring Freedom], many of our Soldiers [departed] to new duty assignments elsewhere in the Army," said Maj. Dominic Sparacio, G-7 transformation deputy.

"This normal post-deployment turnover alleviated much of the issue of moving Soldiers from inactivating units to the remaining or transforming units. However, many Soldiers who were not due to PCS, and [who] were still needed in the remaining units, have been reassigned to other units in the Division," Sparacio continued. "Any new positions not filled by Soldiers from inactivating units are being filled from elsewhere in the

Newly activated units include 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team's 556th Signal Co.; 66th Engineer Co.; 5th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regt.; and the

185th Military Intelligence Co. Company B, 52nd Artillery, activated

Wednesday.
Units within the 2nd SBCT that have reorganized include the 225th Brigade Support Bn.; 2nd Bn., 11th Field Artillery; and Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2nd Bde. Reorganization of the three infantry battalions within the 2nd SBCT began Wednesday and will conclude Dec. 16.

Within the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the Special Troops Battalion will also activate Wednesday. Units reorganizing include 3rd Bn., 7th FA; 3rd Squadron, 4th Cav. Regt.; HHC, 3rd Brigade; 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Reg.; 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt.; and the 325th

Support Bn. The Division Headquarters has also reorganized the HHC, and it has activated Tactical Command Posts and a

Special Troops Bn. The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade will activate two units by Jan. 2006, the 209th Aviation Support Bn. and 3rd

Bn., 25th Avn. Rgt. The brigade will reorganize 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt. and HHC, Avn. Bde. The 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Rgt., will reorganize into 2nd Bn., 6th Cavalry Regt., next summer.

The 45th Corps Support Group will reorganize its headquarters, activate the 82nd Eng. Support Co. and become the 8th Theater Support Command.

This transformation process may seem very confusing on the surface, but Sparacio says when you dig below the surface it all makes sense.

"Many of our units inactivated as separate organizations that are now incorporated into the brigade combat team [BCT] structure that the Army is embracing," he said. "Previously, we had separate infantry brigades who received support from separate functional supporting units such as engineer, signal, military police, military intelligence, quartermaster, ordnance,

etc.

"Many of the separate units inactivated, but the personnel and much of the equipment is being reallocated to the now larger brigade combat team. That way the units can train together and deploy together as a cohesive

### 3rd Brigade revs up training

Sgt. Maurice Smith 3rd Brigade PAO

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS echoes constantly throughout the hallways of buildings, barracks maybe throughout the housing here at Schofield. For the Soldiers on this particular post, they are living it every day.

"Transformation" around this area. From unit conversion ceremonies to activation and inactivation ceremonies, brigades such as the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team are living transformation every day to be better prepared when called upon for combat.

"While Transformation is about change, it's more about the future," said Maj. Sam Whitehurst, executive officer, 3rd IBCT.

Transformation is about making us more expeditionary and better prepared to deal with current threats as well as future, emerging threats," he

Even as 3rd Brigade transforms to an Infantry Brigade Combat Team, they have been a fixture here in the Pacific for the last 40-plus years. Known as the Broncos, 3rd Brigade was organized under the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks on August 12, 1963. At that time, the Broncos were made up of three battalions, the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry; the 1st Bn., 35th Inf.

and the 2nd Bn., 35th Inf..

Over the years, the Bronco Brigade has deployed in support of numerous strategic training exercises, humanitarian assistance missions, and combat missions throughout the Pacific Rim as well as other parts of the world.

Most recently, 3rd Bde. deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. As part of ongoing combat operations against the Taliban in Southern Afghanistan, they brought stability and security to one of the most war-torn areas in the

Now as 3rd Bde. transforms to an infantry brigade combat team consisting of two infantry battalions, a recon squadron, and a field artillery, special troops, and brigade support battalion they have just been alerted for deployment to Iraq sometime next year.

Col. Patrick T. Stackpole, the brigade commander, believes that transformation will give his unit the right forces in order to be successful in Iraq. We brought all of the combat support into the

brigade . . . (and our) separate companies . . . are now part of the brigade every day vice in the past when we would only get them prior to deployment," said Stack-"This is the way that we fight. It should be the way

we train. It should be the way that we work everyday,' Even as the Broncos transform, they will be ready

for combat next year. "We have analyzed the problem -combat in Iraq-

 Capt. Brendan Raymond (right), 3rd Bn., 7th Field Artillery oughfare in Kandahar City, Afghanistan.

Left — A Soldier

with 2nd Battal-

charges a round

during "reflex-ive fire" training

Infantry Regi-

ion, 27th

ment, dis-

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Schofield Bar-

racks, Oct. 12.

Range on

Rgt., leads members of his team on a foot patrol down a main thor-



well. I think we have identified the key tasks we need to be proficient in to successfully complete that task. I think we've got time to do it. So I'm very confident that we will be trained and ready to go," said Stack-

The Broncos' command sergeant major also agrees on the unit readiness being increased for this mission due to the transformation.

"The brigade will be ready to deploy. They will be ready to handle any mission given to them, just as they were given to them in Afghanistan," said Command Sgt Maj. Frank Leota, Broncos' command sergeant major.

"We got the right people in the right places, great leadership, leadership development programs, and a good thing about is we have a lot of experience still left from Soldiers who have been to Afghanistan," said

"We also picked up experience from folks who have been in Iraq. It is a well-rounded organization with this new restructure of the IBCT, said Leota who has also experienced similar developments at a prior duty

"I've also done that (restructuring) with a Stryker brigade in Fort Lewis, so I'm no stranger to transformation," he said.

With all of this going on, two things remain the same within 3rd IBCT since being activated and may never change - the Soldiers fighting everyday to ensure freedom for our country, and the Broncos motto, which has always been "None Better."



4th Airborne Brigade

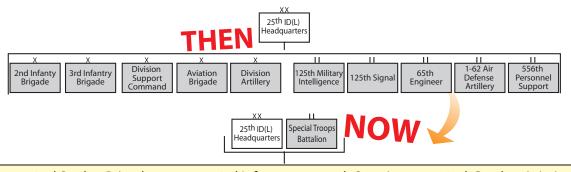
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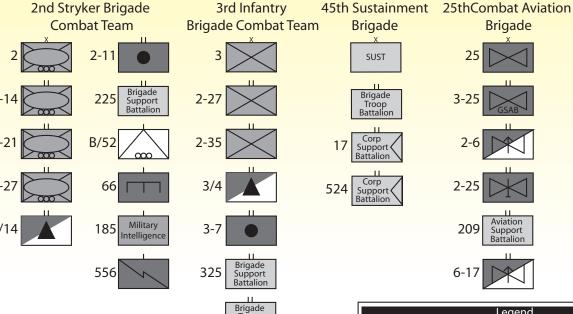
25th Combat **Aviation Brigade** 



45th Sustainment Brigade

# How has the 25th reorganized?





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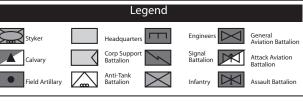
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**Division Artillery and Division Support Command** 

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**Defense Artillery** 

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- 9th RSC
- HIARNG
- TAMC, Schofield
- USA CID • 125th Finance
- Battalion 556th Personnel
- **Support Battalion**
- · 84th Engineer **Combat Battalion**
- 29th Engineer **Battalion**
- Military Police Brigade - Hawaii



### 45th Corps Support gets new name, mission

Spc. Amanda Flemett Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS Rumor has it that the 45th Corps Support Group (Forward) is inactivating. The truth is, it will adjust to the needs of the Army'S transforma-

The history of the 45th began in 1936 as the 45th Quartermaster Regiment (Truck). After multiple changes, the 45th, activated at Fort Shafter in 1972 as the 45th Support Group. Twenty-one years later, the 45th re-designated to the 45th Corps Support Group (For-

"It's not really going away, but it will change a little," explained Capt. Jared Novak of the 45th CSG

The unit designation will change from the 45th CSG (F) to the 8th Theater Support Command, and its assignment as a subordinate unit in U.S. Army, Pacific, will be among some of the changes.

The headquarters unit is the section that will oversee all logistics within the theater, operations while the 8th TSC will eventually increase the Army's capability in USARPAC.

For the next year, 8th TSC will be an interim unit, fine-tuning its role in USARPAC.

At the time, the 45th CSG (F) is authorized 123 personnel in HHC. In 2006, after the transformation to the 8th TSC has taken place, Soldier strength will double. By 2007, it should triple that amount.

The 8th TSC will be comprised of multiple components of the Army, including active duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel who will focus on operations in the Pacific.

The unit will continue to use active duty personnel who have time left on the island.

"TSC is set up to be worldwide deployable, but focused on a certain theater," said Novak, explaining the main mission for the 8th TSC

The 45th will lose its two corps support battalions, the 17th CSB and the 524th CSB to Division Support Command; how-DISCOM became the 45th Sustainment Brigade Wednesday

All of 45th CSG's history will transfer to the 45th Sustainment

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the 45th has



Above — The 536th Maintenance Company practices marksmanship in different scenarios to stay sharp for combat.

Left — An ammunition casing is ejected from a M-16 rifle during marksman-

CSB just returned from OIF.

The 84th Engineer Combat Battalion, another battalion subordinate to 45th CSG, will deploy in support of OIF next month.

ship training in Iraq. also spent time supporting Opera-

125th Military Intelligence

65th Engineer Battalion

### Division Support Command takes on new roles

Freedom.

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Change is apparent throughout the 25th Infantry Division as the Army continues to reorganize and restructure its fighting force.

Every Soldier, from the highest ranked to iunior enlisted, is experiencing some form of the positive conversions that are taking place.

The 25th ID Division Support Command (DISCOM) is no exception. It has welcomed these innovative changes by overhauling its configuration to become a newly designed strength within the Army.

DISCOM shifted gears Wednesday from a support command to the 45th Sustainment Brigade. These changes have repositioned and assembled units from within the division to create a more diversified organization.

In June of this year, DISCOM released both the 225th Forward Support Battalion, which has been reclassified as a brigade support battalion to 2nd Brigade, and the 325th FSB to 3rd Bde., said Capt. Benjamin J. Wunderlich, Division Bde. S-1 for the 45th

Additionally, several primary units that are not transforming at this time were also re-situated.

The 71st Chemical Company and the 8th Forward Surgical Team were both moved to the 45th Corp Support Group, Wunderlich said.

"Sections have also moved," Wunderlich added. "For instance, the Division Medical Operation Center, which was in DISCOM ... under the new modular unit of action design ... is

now part of the Division staff." Depending on requirements, Soldiers and G-1 personnel have also been cross-leveled to the 3rd Infantry

Bde. Combat Team, the Stryker Bde., the Combat Aviation Bde., and the Division Headquarters. The new focus of the 45th

Sust. Bde. will be management of materials and assets both in

garrison and on deployments.

In Jan. 2007, the 45th Sust. Bde will become brigade headquarters for the 17th Corps Support Battalion, as well as the 524th CSB and all their subordinate units. At that time, it will become a three-battalion brigade, including its new brigade troops battalion.

tions Enduring Freedom and Iraqi

support of OEF, and the 17th

The 524th CSB deployed in

The 17th and 524th will have very few modifications and will keep their supporting companies intact, said Wunderlich.

As the 45th label is reassigned to the Sustainment Brigade, those who are currently in the 45th Corps Support Group will become the foundation for the 8th Theater Support Command.

As units combine, they each bring with them valuable experience from varied deployments.

DISCOM Headquarters and newly inactivated 725th Main Support Battalion Headquarters deployed during February and April 2004 for 12 months in Afghanistan to support Combined Joint Task Force-76 in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 325th FSB also deployed to Afghanistan to support 3rd Bde. in February and April 2004. The 225th FSB deployed in Janu-

ary and February 2004 with 2nd Bde. to Iraq for more than 12 months. DISCOM becomes the 45th Sust.

Bde. as it gears up for future deployment scheduled during the summer of

"Our Headquarters is scheduled and planning to deploy. We are starting to get ready," said Wunderlich.

As the Army continues to restructure, Wunderlich appreciates the new changes that are taking place.

"It is exciting times; it's been a challenge and has been a learning experience," Wunderlich explained. "And we are still learning everyday.

"It has been a lot of fun to see these major changes that don't happen too often in one's career ... to happen right in front of you. It's been a good experience."



125th Signal Battalion

### **TRANSFORMING MILESTONES**

Changes abound in the 25th Infantry Division since redeployment from Afghanistan. May 25: 1st Bn., 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regt. inactivates



June 29: Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon assumes command of the Division

Aug. 16: 25th MP Co. inactivates



Apache Troop, 3rd Sgdn., 4th Cav. inactivates

Nov. 2: 225th Brigade Support Battalion reorganizes

AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH

March 15:

Tropic Light-

begin to rede-

June 15: DIVARTY inactivates

June 23: Co. F, 2nd Bn., 25 Avn. Regt., inactivates



July 14: 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Alaska) joins 25th



Oct. 14: 5th Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., activates; 82nd Eng. Co., offloads equipment in Hawaii from South Korea; and 94th AAMDC activates

Oct. 28: 125th Signal Bn.

### **Combat Aviation Brigade continues to transform**

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS. Hawaii – Since the 25th Aviation was constituted in 1957, many changes have occurred because of the improvement in technology and equipment, none more important than the work Soldiers and leaders are doing now to "Transform" the brigade.

By restructuring the units to tailor the needs of today's Army in combat, it allows units to become a self-sustained fighting

"The brigade will change from three organic battalions, which includes one Attack, one Cavalry and one Assault and five separate companies to five Battalions, which will contain two Cavalry, one Assault, one General Support Avn. and one Avn. Support Battalion with two separate companies," said Maj. Gregory A. Baker, executive officer, Combat Avn Bde, 25th ID. About a

1,000 Soldiers will be added to the brigade to sustain these units and man the additional equipment that the brigade will receive.

"The Combat Avn Bde will receive an additional eight UH-60s Blackhawk helicopters, six CH-47s Heavy Lift Helicopters and 36 OH-58D Kiowa Warriors before deployment," said Baker. "Additionally the brigade will gain over 635 wheeled vehicles."

Not only will they receive new equipment, but they will also reset all of their old aircraft and equipment to be fixed to support the brigades.

"We will be taking aircraft from the combat theaters and restoring them to post deployment condition, inspect and repair to standards, eliminate desert induced damage and repair crash/battle debagged aircraft," he added.

This move saves the Army millions of dollars instead of purchasing new aircraft and parts. It will also speed up the process to help units become closer to com-

pletion. "As transformation continues, the Combat Aviation Brigade will significantly enhanced capabilities that were not resident in our legacy force at the Divisional level," according to Baker, "The brigade have organic Heavy Lift Helicopters (CH-47s), MEDEVAC (HH-60s) and almost double the amount of attack Kiowa Warriors (OH-58Ds) and enhanced capabilities compared to that of our legacy force.



An OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter from 1st Battalion (Attack), 25th Aviation Regiment patrols the skies over Baghdad, Iraq. "Lightning Attack" conducted aerial reconnaissance, close combat attacks and security missions for the 1st Armored Division and 1st Cavalry Division during its Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment.



Above — A CH-47D Chinook helicopter gets prepped for C-17 aircraft transportation before its deployment to Pakistan.

Right — A water bucket, used to fight local brush fires, is lifted by a Chinook helicopter.

By coupling these new capabilities, with the addition of the accomplishment and success enhanced sustainment capabilivision will have a unit. capable of supporting multiple Infantry Brigade Combat Teams at a same time maintaining the capability to tailor specific force packages to meet other contingency operations, according to

Transformation hasn't stop of the brigade. The Avn. Bde. hegan supporting the Globa on Terrorism in January 2004 with the deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The remainder of the Avn. Bde. began deploying in March 2004 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



"The brigade is conducting its transformation while simultaneously having units deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom, providing Humanitarian missions in Pakistan," said Baker.

The brigade is also fulfilling its global commitment to the Army with elements deployed to central Asia and the Florida Coast.

### What does it mean?



Transformation brings with it new Army lingo, which Soldiers and civilians on Army installations will hear in the days ahead mixed betwixt "old-timer" acronyms and abbreviations.

ACR - Armored Cavalry Regiment

ADA - Air Defense Artillerv

ASB - Aviation Support Battalion ASA (ALT) - Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology)

AT - Annual Training

ATM - Air Training Manual or Asynchronous Transfer Mode

(dependent on context) CAB - Combat Aviation Brigade

CDR - Commander

CIC - Command Information Center

COMSEC - Communications Security CSA - Chief of Staff, Army

C2 - Command and Control

DIV - Division, Divisional

DoD - Department of Defense

E-Date - Effective Date FORSCOM - Forces Command

FRAGO - Fragmented Article FTX - Field Training Exercise

GPS - Global Positioning System

GS - General Support

GSAB - General Support Aviation

HQDA - Headquarters, Department

of the Army IA - Information Assurance

IBCT - Infantry Brigade Combat

Team

IOC - Initial Operational Capability ISO - In Support Of

JTF - Joint Task Force

MRX - Mission Readiness Exercise

NET - New Equipment Training

PDSS - Pre Deployment Site Survey

QRF - Quick Reaction Force

SBCT - Stryker Brigade Combat Team TACSOP— Tactical Standing

**Operating Procedures** 

TMSS— Trailer Mounted Support System

TRADOC— Training and Doctrine Command

TUAV - Tactical Unmanned Aerial

Vehicle UE - Unit of Execution

UIC — Unit Identity Code

USMTF— United States Message

Text Format

VMC — Vehicle Mounted

Configuration

WAN- Wide Area Network

WSO— Workstation Operator XML— Extensible Markup Language

### 25th Special Troops Battalion is Division's main support element

### The battalion will provide worldwide, deployable battle command capabilities

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS The command group from the recently inactivated 125th Military Intelligence Battalion is in the process of building up a support battalion for the 25th Infantry

Division. Focus of the new 25th Special Troops Battalion is to sustain the Division's main command post and two tactical command posts with its signal and logistical capabilities, among others.

The battalion officially activated Tuesday and currently stands at 70 percent of its projected personnel. When transformation is complete, more than 880 personnel will fall under the battalion.

Transformation for the battalion began in August at about the same time when 125th MI Bn. deactivat-

"Essentially, this battalion was headquartered around the old MI battalion," said Maj. O'Neill, S3 for 25th STB. Edward

As Lt. Col. Patricia A. Frost, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Gertin and the rest of the command group from 125th MI Bn. propped up the support outfit from almost nothing, two military intelligence companies separated off to 2nd and 3rd Brigades.

"It's a great opportunity to see a unit grow from the very beginning,' O'Neill said about the support battalion. "We have unique capabilities to support the Division."

STB, will be responsible to provide C4ISR (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) capabilities to the Division's command posts. Headquarters and Headquarters

Soldiers of Company A, 25th

Company, 25th STB, will main logistical support element. And also transitioning into the battalion is the Division headquar-ters, Tropic Lightning Band ters, and 17th Public Affairs Detach-

Each of these assets will play a role in assisting the Division's command posts as they operate independently over a large battle This will not be the first time the

battalion has supported the Division in combat though. "It's a new organization with

roots from World War II," O'Neill The unit's lineage dates back to

1943, and it has seen combat in three different wars. In the near future, the unit will see a fourth.

"We're all excited about our next mission, which will be in Iraq next summer," O'Neill said.